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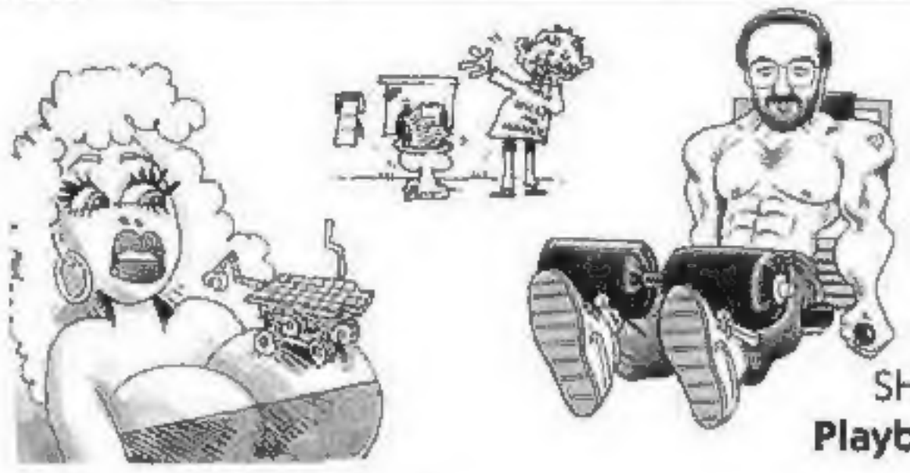
— Alfred E. Neuman



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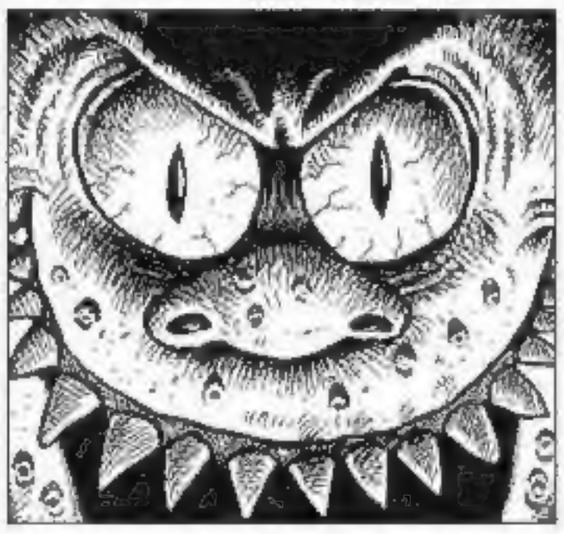

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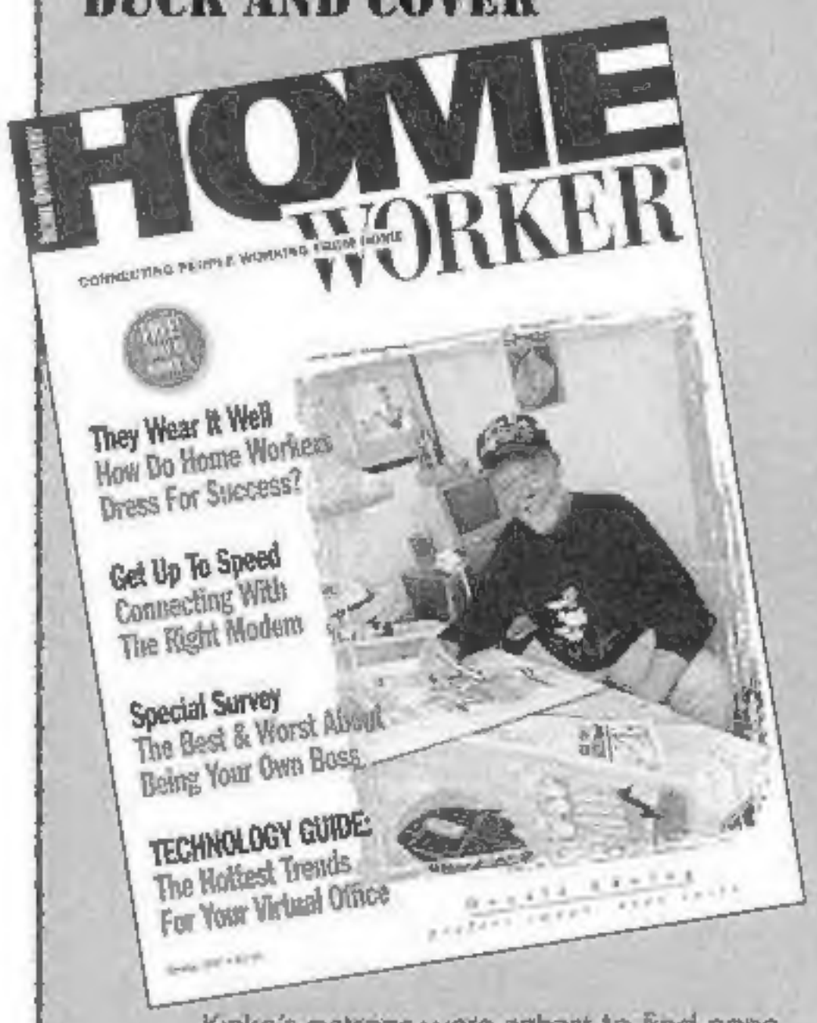
THE GUARDS MUST BE CRAZY

I am writing in regards to your article "So, You're Going to Prison" (Issue #358). During a routine shakedown of my cell (I'm in jail for 48 months for possessing 6 marijuana plants) I was given a confiscation notice that "reading material which threatened the security of the institution" had been seized. That material was MAD #358.

D. A. Hittle
Eastern Oregon Correctional Institute
Pendelton, OR

D.A. — We've always maintained that MAD is a good prison read! If it wasn't for repeat offenders, lifers and the boys on death row, we probably would've been out of business years ago! Sorry, D.A., but in this case we have to side with the guards. Clearly, if they let the prison article you mention through, and inmates started making toilet paper roses and hand knit toilet bowl cozies, it would only be a matter of time before they were scaling the walls and rioting in the Yard! (P.S. as a result of your letter, we're suspending plans to include a hacksaw in every issue of #365...the heat is on!) In the meantime, please give our regards to Slashy and Warden Baldwin! —Ed.

DUCK AND COVER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Kinko's patrons were aghast to find none other than MAD's own Duck Edwing on the cover of the copy store chain's exclusive magazine *Home Worker*. We were surprised as well, because with what we pay Duck we thought he was homeless!

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MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Tim Allen whipping boy Richard Karn was gracious enough to pose for a picture with Carey Proctor of Pt. Orchard, WA and a copy of MAD! This earns Carey a big fat 3-year subscription to our fine publication. Boy! That's quite a HOME IMPROVEMENT! Get it? Fa!

NO MORE MR. ICE GUY

I did not read "Walt Disney Visits His Studio Today" from MAD #357, but I did read the letter from Robert Frankel (MAD #361) in which he refers to unthawing Walt Disney or unthawing Walt Disney's ashes. In either case, the results would still be frozen, since to "unthaw" means to "not thaw".

Mark Isham
Elizabethtown, KY

Marky Mark — You're a thaw loser — just chill! —Ed.

PUT ANOTHER CATALOG ON THE FIRE

I have worked for Ikea going on 8 1/2 years now and was very happy to see that you finally did a spoof on us in issue #360 ("The IKRAPPA Catalogue"). I find this to be a very big compliment to us and feel like we have finally made it!

RedBarTX@aol.com

Red — You enjoyed it? Apparently, like many of the shelving units your company manufactures, you're missing a few screws! You may think this response is as flimsy as some of the end tables you sell, but it's a big letters page — somebody's gotta fill it! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

INQUIRY

Attention MAD subscribers! A few years ago, we started putting brown and then white wrappers on our magazines with jokes(?) on them. We now want a complete list of those wrappers with the issue number and what joke and/or visual gag is on each. The first person to send a complete list to our New York office (Attn. Amy Mavrikis) will receive a special MAD gift! Thank you!

A PAIR OF CHEWS

In "Redneck USA" (MAD #360), you showed a can of Skoal tobacco and ignorantly called it chewing tobacco. You city slickers should know that Skoal isn't chewing tobacco, it's snuff, which is cut finer and isn't chewed. Real chewing tobacco is cut longer and comes in a pouch.

Brandon Elmer
Evansville, WI

Brando —Snuff said! See ya at the mouth cancer clinic! —Ed.

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MONROE DOCTORIN'

Monroe rules! Of course it would be cool if in one strip his mom started hitting on the black spy! She would do that...believe me.

DmanChaz@aol.com

Sunny D — All right! Your wish is our command. Here's a sneak peek at our new strip, "Spy Vs. Mom"! Enjoy! —Ed.

ALFRED E-MAIL

I was browsing through your July 1996 issue when I noticed the article "What if God was One of Us?" In the section where God is on the worst-dressed list, it mentioned fashion designer Gianni Versace. I just wanted to make a point that exactly one year later, Versace would be murdered outside his home in Florida.

Tyrant1@aol.com

Ty — And WE want to make the point that on the Letters Page of our December 1997 issue, we mention you, Tyrant1! Have a happy new year and don't forget to duck! —Ed.

COPULATION EXPLOSION

In issue #360 you had an article called "The MAD World of Sex." I didn't think this was appropriate because you might have younger readers who don't understand it.

Lucas Cummins
Franfort, KY

Lucky Luc — You're half right! It's not our readers who don't understand, it's a good portion of our WRITERS who don't understand! In fact, this coming weekend, longtime MAD editor Nick Meglin is having "the talk" with writer Desmond Devlin. "Uncle Nick" has props, charts and hand puppets — the whole nine yards! Trust us, you don't want to be there! —Ed.

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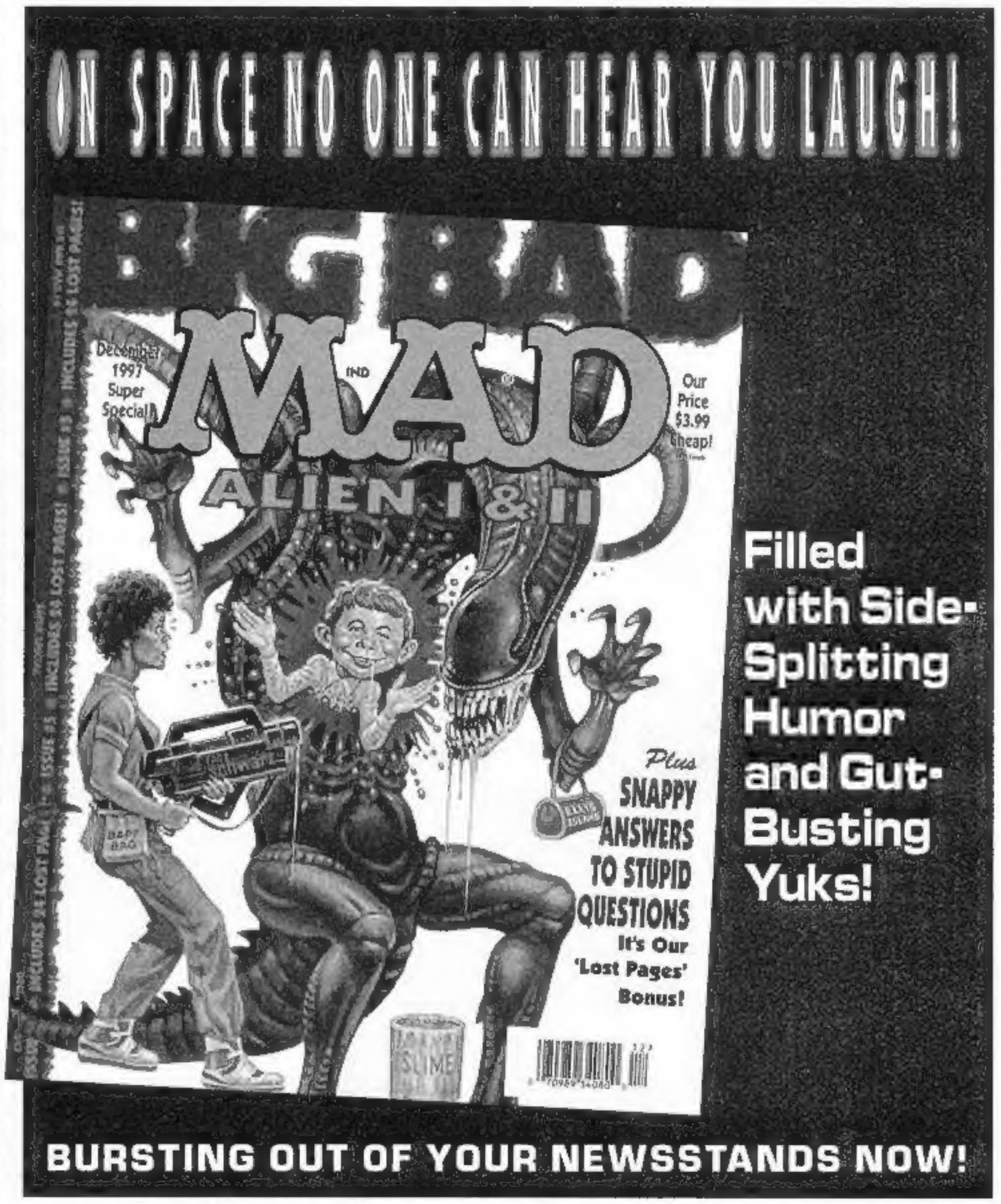
MATH APPEAL

I have been a MAD fan ever since issue #340. I always read the letters page as soon as I get a new issue. After nearly two years of nothing better to do, I calculated a formula of how to get my letter published. The formula is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Issue \#} + \text{nasty comment (nit-picking)}}{\text{hate-filled threat}} = \text{published letter!}$$

Todd Dooley
Oswego, IL

Here's another formula that you might be interested in, Pythagoras boy: If *n* = you, then *n* = Schmuck^{10}! Go figure! —Ed.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The handwriting is on the wall. NBC knows it's just a matter of time before the *Seinfeld* gang takes their millions and goes home. And when they do, there goes the network's lock on Thursday night. And when Thursday night goes, NBC's number one rating is sure to follow. Soon, stock in its parent company, General Electric, plummets. And when General Electric, which manufactures everything from light bulbs to nuclear weapons goes belly up, our country will be left dark and defenseless, vulnerable to hostile nations all over the world! We can only hope that somewhere, hidden in a vault in Burbank, some slimy TV exec has devised...

NBC's DESPERATE PLANS FOR *Seinfeld* SPINOFFS

Wha'ssup Mr. Costanza?
Yo, Mr. C! You a hard-ass brutha, but you a'ight!
What the HELL does that mean? You're not trying to sell me something, are you?
MR. COSTANZA KOREAN 101

In this show, targeted at the hip, urban audience, George Costanza's father (Jerry Stiller), leaves his wife, moves to Los Angeles and takes a job teaching Korean at a rough South Central High School. At first, cultures clash when Mr. Costanza bans hip-hop music from the school dance in favor of Tony Bennett. But when he befriends the leader of the Crips (*French Prince of Bel-Air's* Alfonso Ribeiro), the kids learn that he's funky, fresh, phat, dope and down — even though he has no idea what that means!

Elaine
To Whoever Finds My Cold Dead Body — I had no choice but to kill myself because no man will ever really love me — No, wait that's too melodramatic. As a woman, I have no chance for happiness in this brutal male-dominated society — No, that's too cliché. The plight of the Alaskan hedgehog is too much for me to bear — No, wait...
GREENPEACE

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN WRITERS: JOE RAIOLA & DAVID SHAYNE

With Julia Louis-Dreyfus demanding two million dollars an episode, plus a diamond-encrusted toilet in her dressing room, the Peacock Network makes a bold move and casts pop music sensation Jewel as the "new" Elaine Benes. To ensure that viewers will accept such a radically different looking Elaine, the show's catchy theme song tells the story of her gruesome car wreck, horrible disfigurement and successful reconstructive plastic surgery. Playing to Jewel's strengths, NBC also makes a few "minor changes" in her character. Due to the accident, the "new" Elaine is no longer witty, outgoing and fun to be with, but is now depressively needy, introspective and spends most of her time trying to perfect her suicide note.

The good news is Michael Richards is back as the voice of Kramer in this new cartoon series in the subversive tradition of *The Simpsons*. The bad news is that due to his exorbitant salary, NBC must cut costs by having the show produced by a third-rate animation studio in Qandahar, Afghanistan. Rounding out the cast are international "stars" Ezekiel Shabidar, Achmel Barahahaha and Wendy Klein.

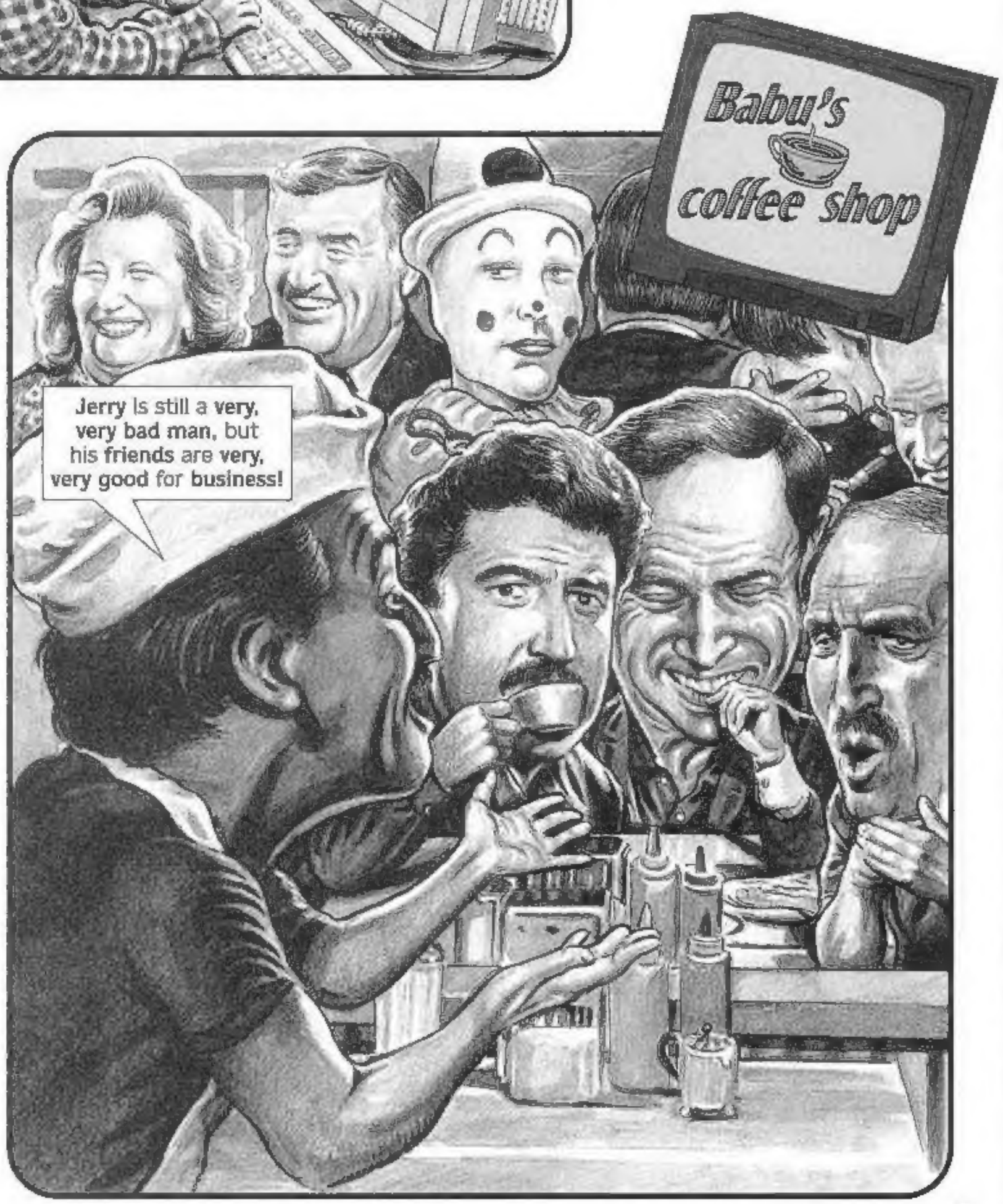
Oh look! It is Mr. Kramer which is sliding through our door now!
Hello, Mr. Kramer! Why is it such that you are sliding through our door now?
'Cause I had to tell ya!! I've invented the world's first edible belt! It holds your pants up, PLUS: it's a great snack!
KRAMER: THE ANIMATED SERIES

Wayne Knight reprises his role as the conniving and rotund Newman in television's first post office drama! In the series' two-hour pilot episode, Newman becomes a member of the ZIP Squad, an elite band of hard-nosed Postal Inspectors dedicated to "eliminating those damn efficient bastards at FedEx and UPS at any cost!" Costarring Ed Asner as "The Chief" and rapper Ice-T as "Jimmy-J," Newman's street-smart homeboy informant.

Seinfeld's most controversial guest character is back! In the pilot episode of this new sit-com, the obnoxious soup chef finally learns the terrible nick-name everyone calls him behind his back — "The Soup Nazi." When his attempts to put an end to it fail, he decides to milk the Nazi label for everything it's worth! After studying up on the Third Reich and becoming an expert on the Fuhrer's favorite recipes, he changes the name of his shop to Heil Soup, and quadruples his already booming business by serving up Luftwaffe Lentil, Swastika Noodle Chowder and Gestapo Gazpacho.

Yet Another e-mail from your Cousin Jerry?
Yeah, he says his pal George is working for the Mets now, and his neighbor Kramer has a book out about hats that turns into a hat!
Boy, Howard, you sure have wacky friends!
SUDDENLY SEINFELD

With NBC desperate for a show — any show — with the name "Seinfeld" in the title, the producers of Suddenly Susan rename their struggling sitcom. While technically not a *Seinfeld* spin-off, *Suddenly Seinfeld* at least has a character named Seinfeld — Jerry's third cousin and Susan's new husband, Howard Seinfeld (Bronson Pinchot). Viewers never actually see or even hear Jerry, but he and his wacky friends are constantly mentioned.



For NBC it's cheap and easy: Assemble all of *Seinfeld's* recurring and one-shot characters and cram them into a leftover set from the original show. The legendary diner frequented by the old gang is bought out by Jerry's hapless immigrant ex-buddy, Babu. Among the story lines: Crazy Joe Davola stalks Uncle Leo! Poppie convinces George Steinbrenner (back view only) to hire him as the Yankees manager! The Woman With Man Hands accidentally feels up The Woman With Fabulous Breasts (Teri Hatcher)! Mulva marries The Boy In The Bubble! Milos The Tennis Pro and The Drake play Yahtzee with Jerry's parents! Comedian Kenny Bania and ex-big leaguer Keith Hernandez vie for the affection of The Woman Who Invented The Puffy Pirate Shirt! NBC also has plans for a "spin-off-spin-off" featuring every *Seinfeld* extra who ever had a non-speaking role or was seen briefly in the background.

ANGSTER'S PARADISE DEPT.

MONROE &...

At a certain point in life, parties stop being about cake, ice cream and a

I left you five dollars. Get yourself some Vienna sausages or something. Uncle Ray and I'll be back Sunday... or Monday... uh...whenever!

C'mon, let's blow baby!

Bye, mom. Bye, er...Uncle Ray.

Got enough Vienna sausage there?

Ummm... yeah, I guess.

Guys, my mom's gonna kill me when she gets home.

Or we could just kill you now! Your choice!

You think maybe I can, you know, call up some of my friends maybe?

Forget it! Your friends suck it! You'll make some new pals tonight! You can start by crackin' open this lame-ass liquor cabinet!

You want me to smoke some?

Smoke some? Man, we ain't wasting any of this on you! You drink the bong water!

GLUG! GLUG!

Oooh, I feel funny.

I really need to use the bathroom.

ARTIST: BILL WRAY

WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

THE BIG PARTY

sad, rented clown – as your favorite buddy Monroe will soon find out!

Hey, Monroe, havin' a sausage party?!? Haaa!

Sausage party! That's a good one, Dillon!

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No. My mom's out of town so, you know, I'm making dinner... and...

ASK ABOUT

Sausage party at Monroe's tonight!!!

You got any Hawaiian Punch to mix with this crap, girlie?

No, uh... I'll be right back...

Are you guys doing the ...you know... drugs?

Why? You a narc?

Make him do some just to be sure!

Use the one in your old lady's room!

How did she know there's a bathroom in my mother's room?

Whoa! You guys are...My mom's room... you can't...whoa!!

Shut the door behind you, dork!

Let me get you guys an ashtray! Hold on.

What's goin' on, Monroe? You have a party and don't invite us?

Thanks a lot, dillweed! And your breath stinks like crap!

Hey you guys! It's my friends!

Guys! Oh man, my mom!

Hello, boys.

TWEET

Mom, you're home! Uh, what happened?

Your mother doesn't want to talk *(burp)* about it! What's this???

Oh honey, a surprise welcome home party. Now this is nice. I'm going to forget all about Uncle Ray and that damn airport cocktail waitress!

GLOBBER

Everyone was just leaving.

Nonsense! I brought home duty-free Kahlua!

The party's just getting started!!!

Hey, Monroe, your old lady's all right!

SUCCCK

EXZIT LIGHT!

THUMP!

ENTER NI'GHT!

THUMP

TAKE MY HAND

BILL GRAY

PLANE NONSENSE DEPT.

At first glance, it seemed like this movie had it all: big stars, big action and a really, really big plane. We were certain that if there was going to be one flick that shined like a beacon amidst the bleak, black void of crappy summer films, this was sure to be it! Who would have guessed that the worst film of the summer would turn out to be the...

AIR FARCE ONE

DO YOU LIKE MOVIES ABOUT GLADIATORS?

I HATE SNAKES!

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LOOSE CHANGE

TICK TICK

SECURITY

These guys look suspicious, who cleared them?

They went through three security checks! First, the FBI...

You mean the bureau guys who tried to frame Richard Jewell and who STILL don't have a clue about the Olympic bomber?

..then the CIA checked them...

The intelligence people who had Soviet spy Aldrich Ames as one of their top agents for years?

...and finally, the Secret Service!

The bunch who let John Hinckley Jr. close enough to shoot President Reagan? I think this flight could be in A LOT of trouble!

This is a joint Russian/U.S. operation against your repressive, neo-fascist regime! General Radish, we're abducting you in the name of world peace!

BLAM BLAM!

How come when you kidnap one of us you're called "Heroes," but when ve kidnap one of you ve're called "Terrorists?"

BOOM BOOM!

Hey, what are you aiming at with your night vision scope?

BLAM!

None of your business! You got your night vision, and I've got mine!

Tonight we're honoring United States President Marshmallow for taking such unprecedented chances for his cause! Not only did he have the fearlessness to send in troops to capture a world menace, he also had the nerve to charge $500 a plate for this dinner, with proceeds going to his national campaign fund!

From now on, the United States will use its military might to pursue any leader who violates the freedom of his people!

Under his Presidency, the promise to promote human rights will become a reality!

As compared to the Clinton Presidency, where the promise to promote human rights became a fantasy!

OBJECTS IN TELEPROMPTER ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

In addition to the most efficient, up-to-date equipment of any plane in the world, Air Farce One also has all the creature comforts of the finest deluxe hotel suite!

Wow! It must have cost a fortune!

It did! But that was no problem — the government got the money by cutting out expensive programs like school lunches and medical insurance for kids!

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Iraq seems to be acting up again! What should we do, sir?

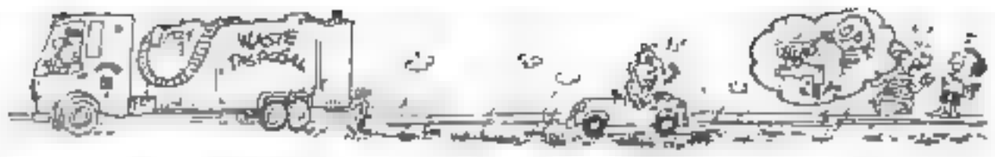
Send in the air-craft carrier Nimitz NOW!

Don't you think it's terrific the way he can make snap decisions like that?

Terrific? Snap decisions put the lives of our military at risk!

So? It's a small price to pay to avoid those boring, angst-ridden deliberate decisions!

NEWT GINGRICH DID NOT SIT HERE!



But you're a trusted Secret Service man! Why are you doing this?

You'll never know!

You'll take your secret to the grave?

What secret? My motive for betraying my government will never be explained in this entire movie! I don't know why either!

If you will direct your attention to the front of the cabin, we would like to review the safety features of this aircraft! In the pocket in front of you there's an instruction card along with your free, in-flight magazine and a duty-free shopping catalog! The movie for this flight will be *Passenger 57*, starring Wesley Snipes and terrorists similar to the ones occupying the seats next to you!

This is the escape pod! Inside is everything a president needs to survive!

Like what?

Like Cheetos, Fritos, Beef Jerky and Twinkies — oops, wrong president!

And what else?

Since no one but the Clintons has ever gone in, you might find missing records from the Rose Law Firm and the "non-existent" Whitewater documents in there!

POD

This is Vice President Bendit! I want to know how those terrorists got aboard the most secure plane in the world!

Refer to your Presidential Rate Card! Right after the item, "Sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom, $40,000," is the entry, "Fly on Air Farce One, $50,000"!

Let's look at this calmly! The President's life is in danger! Then again, if worse comes to worse, guess who gets to redecorate the Oval Office!

We must land this plane now!

We can't! I haven't collected the cups, the tray tables aren't up and locked and the seat backs aren't in their forward position!

BLAM! BLAM! BANG!

Hang on! We're going back up!

This is horrible!

Stop bitching! Think about all the extra frequent flyer miles you're earning!

Going back up? Damn it! I'll have to serve beverages and a light snack all over again...

Ssssss

DO NOT TALK TO PILOT WHILE THE PLANE IS IN MOTION

Madam First Lady and First Brat, I am holding you hostage until ze President frees our great leader, General Radish!

Please don't harm her! She's only a typical twelve-year-old!

"Typical" twelve-year-old? She must be joking! What other kid her age goes to the mall in a limo with Secret Service men as escorts, has sleep-over parties at the White House or gets excused from her private school to take trips around the world whenever she wants? She's some typical twelve-year-old!

She's going to be very disillusioned and unhappy when her father's not the President and those things are no longer available to her!

It might be better if the terrorists shoot her now! It would save her a life of disappointment!

I decided not to use the pod and chose to stay on board with my family! As if that's going to help them! Now I'm a little sorry I didn't leave in the pod! No one ever comes by here with a lousy in-flight magazine or a little bag of those honey-roasted peanuts!

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If you do not accede to our demands, I vill execute one hostage every half hour! Vhat do you think of zat?

If we get credit for the fifteen people you've already killed, that gives us seven and a half hours! We can live with that!

Since your government refuses to release General Radish, ve must take the next step in brutal terror tactics! Do you know vhat I have here in my hand? It's a bunch of videocassettes of Shelley Long movies! If ve do not get vhat ve want, ve vill play one of her movies every two hours!

Inhuman swine!

GAP

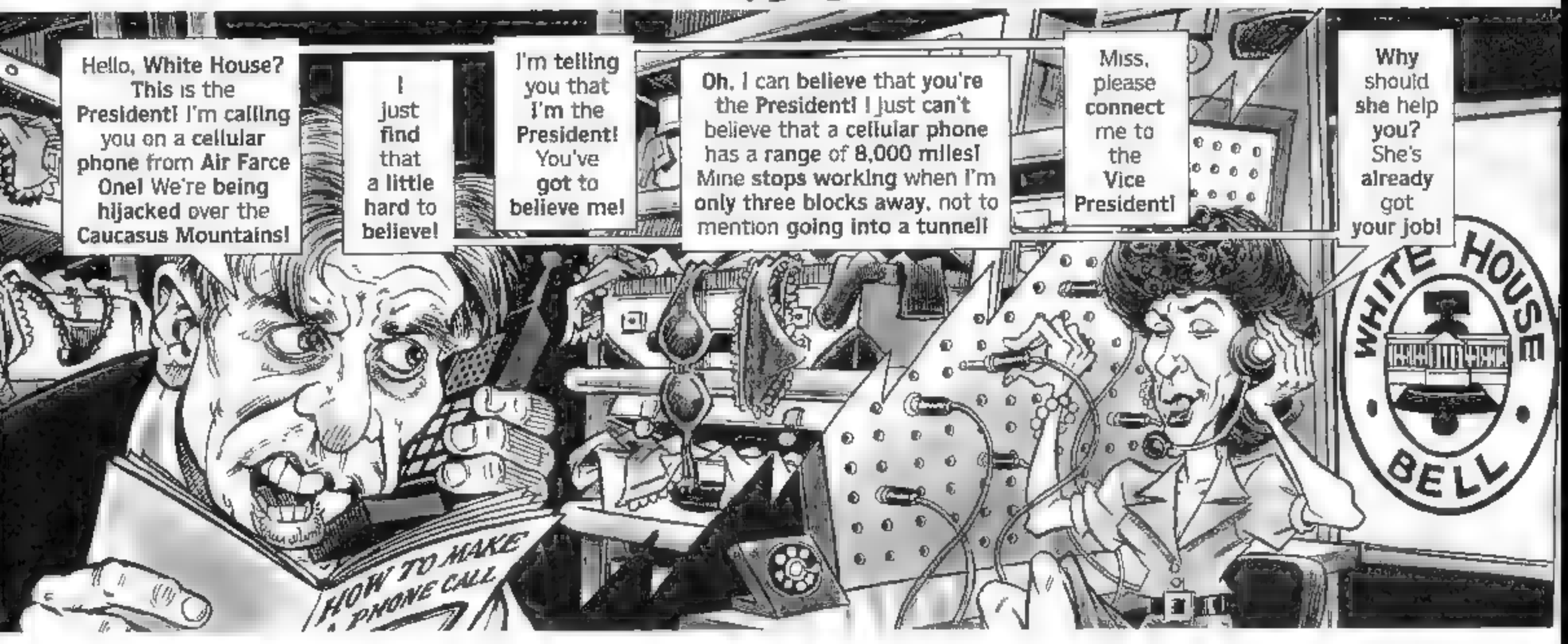
CALVIN

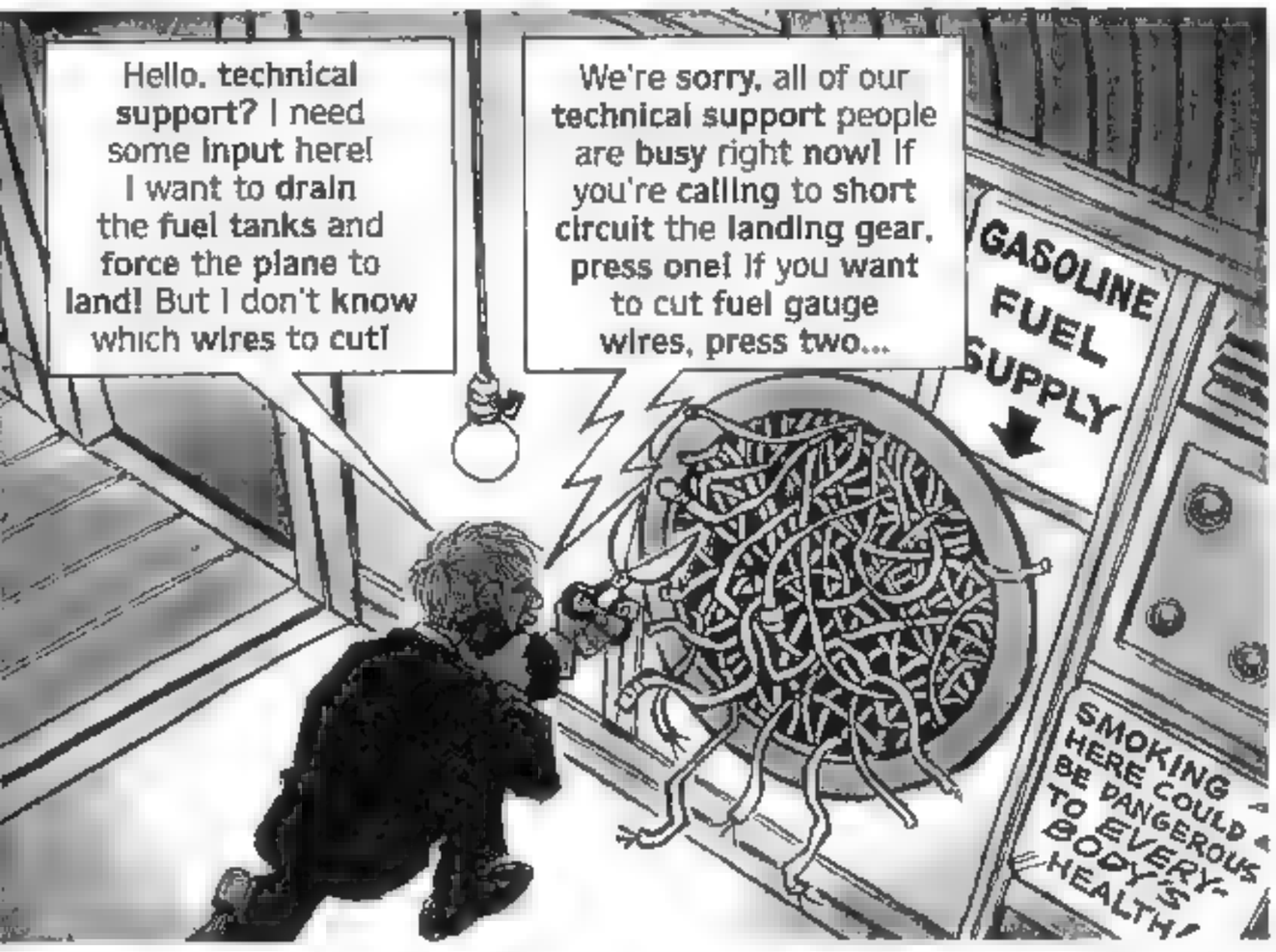
I'll just put these campaign contributions over here for safety!

BEIJING TO WASHINGTON

HONG KONG TO WASHINGTON

JAKARTA, INDONESIA TO WASHINGTON, D.C.


Hello, White House? This is the President! I'm calling you on a cellular phone from Air Farce One! We're being hijacked over the Caucasus Mountains!
I just find that a little hard to believe!
I'm telling you that I'm the President! You've got to believe me!
Oh, I can believe that you're the President! I just can't believe that a cellular phone has a range of 8,000 miles! Mine stops working when I'm only three blocks away, not to mention going into a tunnel!
Miss, please connect me to the Vice President!
Why should she help you? She's already got your job!
WHITE HOUSE BELL
HOW TO MAKE A PHONE CALL


Hello, technical support? I need some input here! I want to drain the fuel tanks and force the plane to land! But I don't know which wires to cut!
We're sorry, all of our technical support people are busy right now! If you're calling to short circuit the landing gear, press one! If you want to cut fuel gauge wires, press two...
GASOLINE FUEL SUPPLY
SMOKING HERE COULD BE DANGEROUS TO EVERY-BODY'S HEALTH!

Mr. President, you're alive! It's a miracle!
Not as much of a miracle as what you've all done — staying in this room for hours without anyone ever going to the toilet! At least I had the pod!

Thank you for flying Air Farce One! Buh-bye, buh-bye, buh-bye, buh-bye...
EMPLOYEES MUST WASH HANDS BEF EXITING PLANE

You have choice! Release ze general or I vill shoot daughter!
Even though the thought of saving a lot in babysitting fees is an attractive option, I've decided to save her by releasing General Radish!
Ha! So much for your nation's resolve not to deal with terrorists!
Good God! The girl is my child!
Wasn't every hostage who was killed because of his policy of never negotiating with terrorists someone's child?
Yeah, they were someone's, but not his!

Get off my plane! As a fanatic, your moral code is shameful! As an actor, your Russian accent is even worse!

I wish he hadn't just done that!

But he saved us from certain death!

That may be! But couldn't he have waited until I collected the passenger's headset first?

If, as last summer's blockbuster President of the United States, I could fly a jet to safety and save the free world on Independence Day, you can do it this year!

Thanks for the vote of confidence, but we still have at least three more unbelievable crises to go before this movie is over, not that you'd understand...

Roswell, aliens and Will Smith weren't unbelievable?

PRESIDENTIAL PULLMAN

Sir, you must leave now, we're going down!

Only after my daughter, then my wife and then my wounded Chief of Staff go!

But why don't you go first?

Because as a Republican cost-cutting measure, I'm on standby!

It was me, your "loyal" bodyguard who was in cahoots with the terrorists!

I don't understand it!

That I could betray my own country?

No! That since all the terrorists are dead and there's no one left to expose you, why you revealed yourself as the traitor!

By this time you want LOGICAL explanations? I'm sorry I voted for you! You're a schmuck!

Oooh, bungee jumping! Daddy's cooler than I thought!

The good news is that the Rescue Plane has just landed...

...the bad news is that the President has just landed again...again...and again!

BOUNCE!

BOUNCE!

Americans are getting dumber with every generation. SAT scores are down. Fewer serious books are being published and, hell, if it weren't for the comic strip Nancy, nobody would be opening up a newspaper! But maybe there is no greater proof of just how far we've fallen in the intellectual department than the big increase in "helpful" instructions manufacturers feel compelled to put on their products. Not only do they now tell you to cut on the dotted line, they have to include a little picture of scissors! And don't you just love the envelopes that say, "Use a stamp. The Post Office will not deliver without postage"? Duh! And we fear all of this is just the beginning. How long will it be, brainiac, before you see these. .

PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS FOR A DUMBED-DOWN AMERICA

ARTIST: MONTE WOLVERTON WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

Slice Open Before Eating.

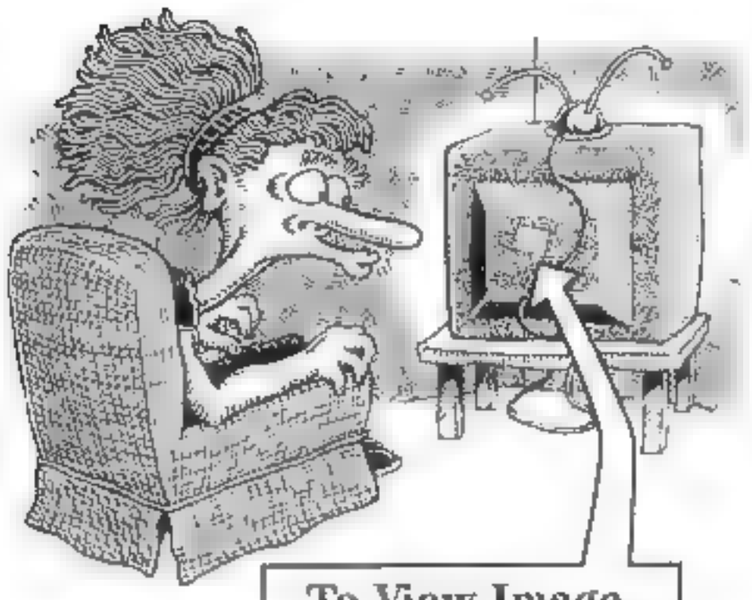
For Optimum Results, Use This Product in the "Open" Position During Rainfall.

Install Carpet with Fuzzy Part Facing Up.

For Best Results, Inflate Doll Before Use.

Foot Bath Works Best if Shoes and Socks are Removed Before Soaking Feet.

Place One Glove on Each Hand, One Finger in Each Opening.



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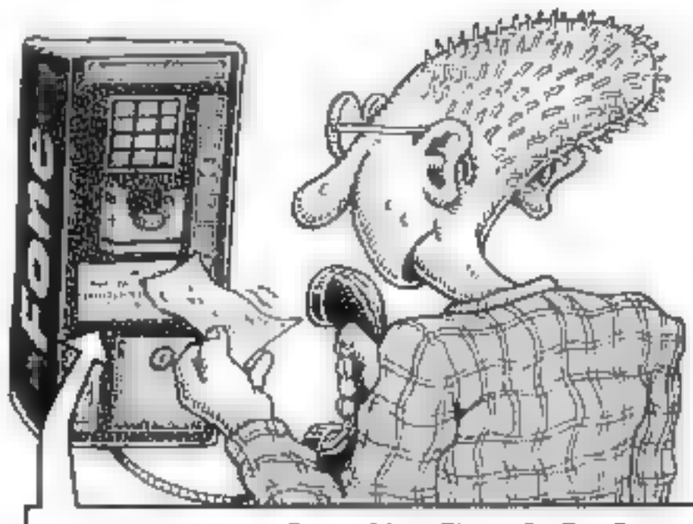

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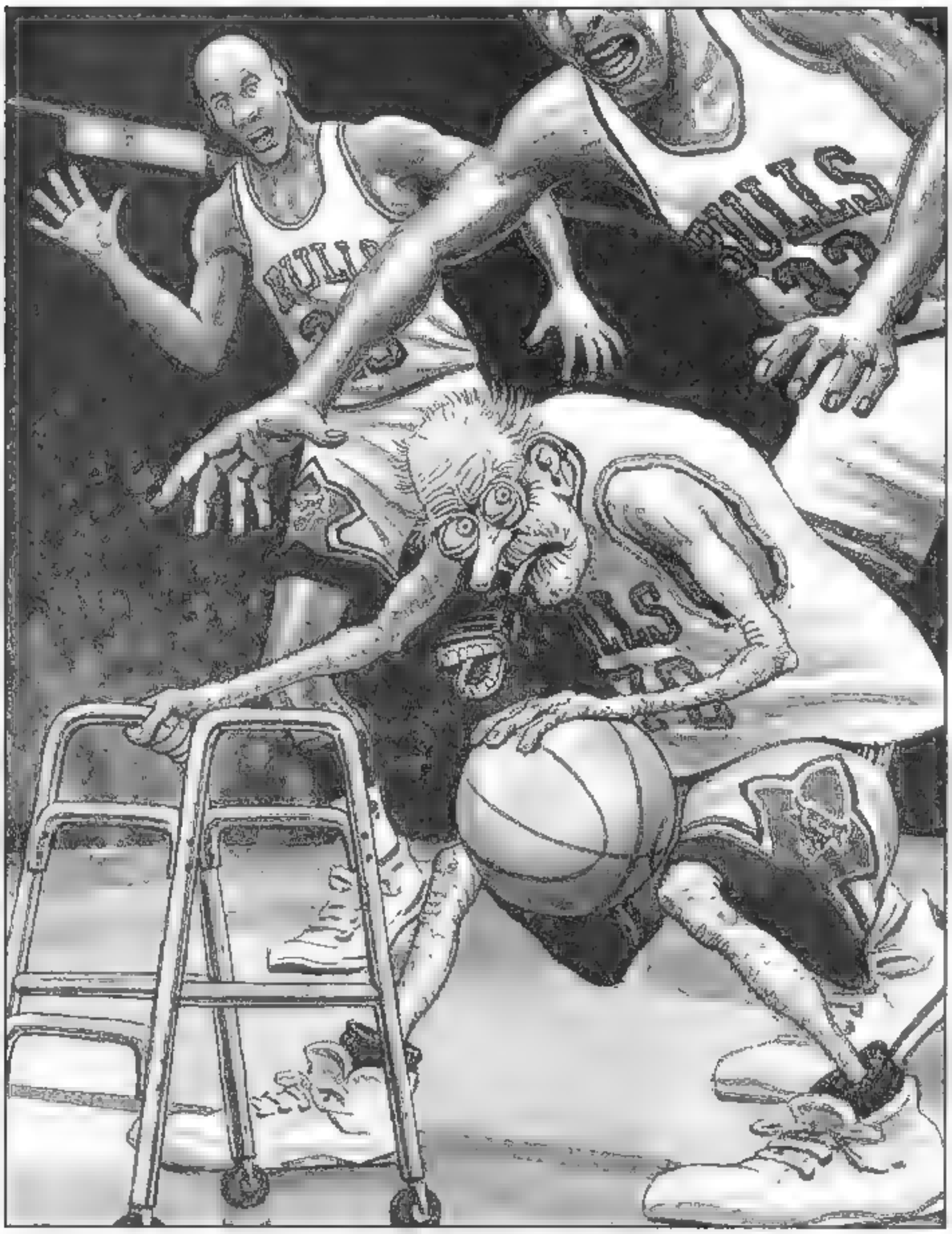
BIAS BEWARE DEPT.

In the past decade, anti-discrimination cases dealing with race and sex have dramatically changed the w

NEWSPAPER STORIES FUTURE ANTI-DISCR

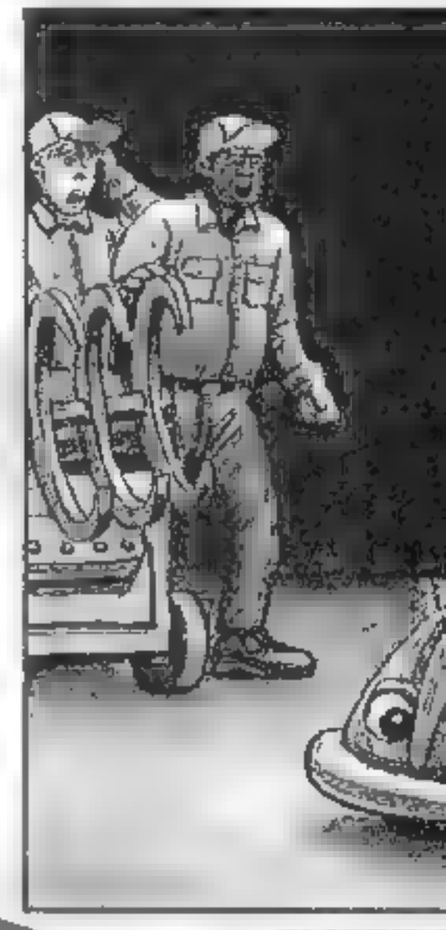
80-YEAR-OLD GUARD TO START TONIGHT FOR THE BULLS



CHICAGO, IL, Oct. 10 — After proving in the Supreme Court that the Chicago Bulls basketball team practiced age discrimination by not allowing him to play on their team, 80-year-old Fred Denby will finally get to prove himself on the NBA court.

"My job tonight is to prevent a fast break," said an excited Denby, "and I know I can do it because I'm never going to leave the backcourt and run to the offensive boards. If I did that, I might get a heart attack." The spirited octogenarian added, "All I need is my sneakers, my jock strap and my Depends and I'll give 110%."

A bemused Scottie Pippen said he expected Coach Phil Jackson



FRED DENBY WARMING UP FOR HIS NBA DEBUT TONIGHT WITH MICHAEL JORDAN AND COMPANY.

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ay Americans live and act. What is in store for us in the next decade? Could the future look like this...?

YOU MAY SEE AFTER

CRIMINATION LAWSUITS

MARBLE-MOUTHED ANNOUNCER BLAMED FOR RIOT AT KENTUCKY DERBY

Scene at the payout window at Churchill Downs yesterday. The number four horse, "Lucky Dan," was the only winner. Many confused bettors thought otherwise.

CHURCHILL DOWNS, Kentucky, May 10 (Reuters) — Over one hundred racing fans received minor injuries yesterday when hyper-excited bettors stormed the payout windows immediately following the running of the Kentucky Derby. Virtually all of the fans thought they heard their horse announced as the winner of the prestigious race

The head of the Kentucky National Guard stated today that the cause of the riot has been traced to track announcer Johnny Blodgett. Blodgett, who suffers from a severe speech impediment had only recently been hired to announce the races after the track lost a lawsuit seeking to bar Blodgett from the job due to his handicap

"No one can understand the guy," one track official, who requested anonymity remarked. "But the law of the land said we couldn't discriminate against anyone for a physical defect. So when Blodgett applied, we had no choice but to give him the job. It was a time bomb waiting to happen and it happened yesterday."

UFFOCATING IN THEIR TINY CAR WHILE TRYING TO GET OUT.
E JAWS OF LIFE ARRIVED TOO LATE TO SAVE THEM.

CIRCUS TRAGEDY KILLS 50 LITTLE PEOPLE

POLICE BLAME 250 LB. "MIDGET"

SANDUSKY, Ohio, Nov. 1 (AP) — Fifty midget circus clowns suffocated to death during a performance last night when the door of their tiny clown car was blocked by a 250-pound so-called midget performer.

Circus authorities identified the overweight clown as John Jakes, aka Jolly Joe. Jakes had just joined the circus after a landmark court decision against weight and height discrimination that stated he could not be denied a job with little people because of his massive size.

"Yeah, the whole thing could have been avoided," claimed an unidentified sideshow geek who witnessed the tragedy, "had that fat freak not insisted on being the first one out of the car." Ambulances rushed to the scene

ARTIST: JAMES WARHOLA
WRITER: STAN HART

NEWSPAPER STORIES YOU MAY SEE AFTER FUTURE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWSUITS

GROSS INCOMPETENCE DELAYS ROCKET LAUNCHING

Bumbling Technician has Trouble with Countdown

Rookie technician Randy Grooms, counting down for the space shuttle launch. A NASA spokesman said that the launch has been delayed due to "unforeseen problems."

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., July 17 — The launching of the space shuttle Atlantis was postponed indefinitely yesterday after a bewildered NASA technician had trouble counting down backwards from 10

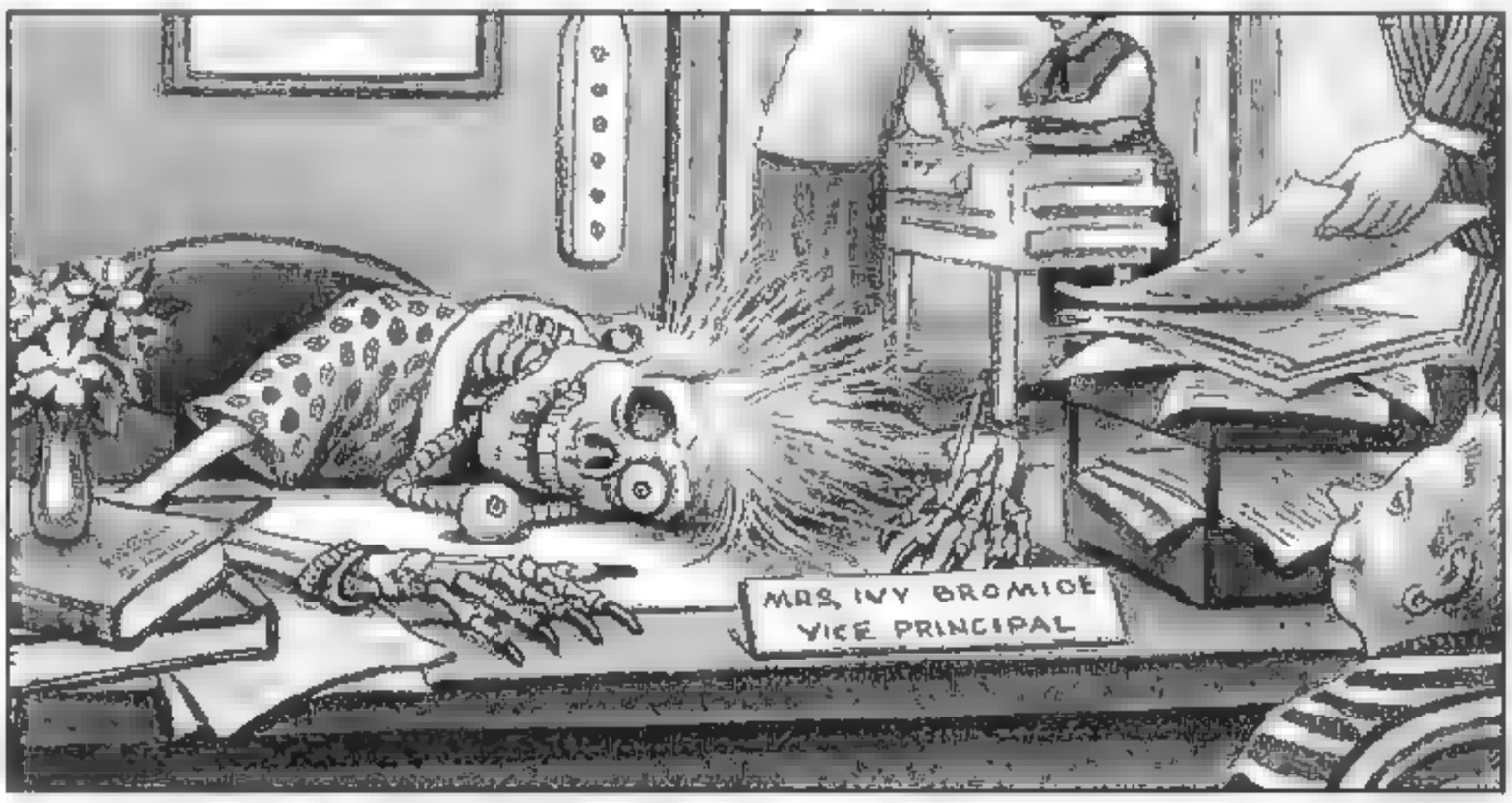
Randy Grooms, a NASA space program specialist, has been blamed for the delay in the current space mission. Grooms joined NASA after a federal appeals court found in his favor in an I.Q. discrimination suit that ruled no one can be denied employment because of intelligence

"Since he has difficulty in doing the countdown, the mission has been put on hold," said an exasperated NASA spokesman But a defiant Grooms defended his actions. "I can count to 10, the right way. Like starting at one and going up to 10. But they want me to start at 10 and go back to one. That confuses me. I know what comes after five, but I'm not sure what comes before it. And I'm not going to take a chance with the lives of our astronauts until I'm damn sure."

Former astronaut turned senator, John Glenn, issued a statement blasting the court's

DEAD PERSON WINS JOB BACK IN LANDMARK DECISION

ACLU Applauds Decision as "A Victory for the Non-Living."



Mrs. Ivy Bromide, back at her desk at Stuyvesant High. She replaces Ms. Millicent Mueller who had taken the assistant principal's job after Mrs. Bromide's recent death.

NEW YORK CITY, NY Dec. 15 — In the first "death discrimination" case in the nation, the late Mrs. Ivy Bromide won her old job back, even though she has been deceased for two months.

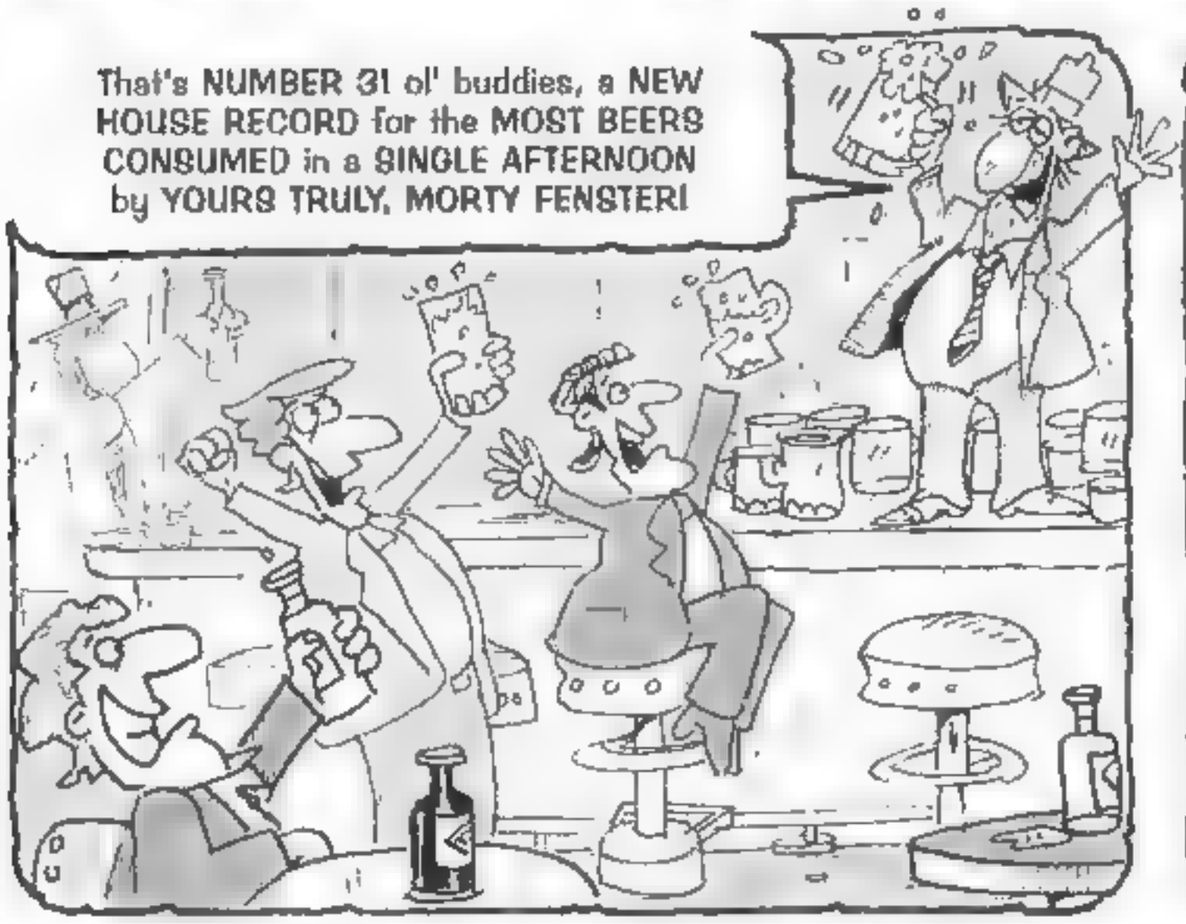
In a close split decision, the Supreme Court ruled today that just because someone is no longer alive, that person should not be penalized. "Death," said Justice Clarence Thomas in his majority opinion, "is hard enough without penalizing the person any further."

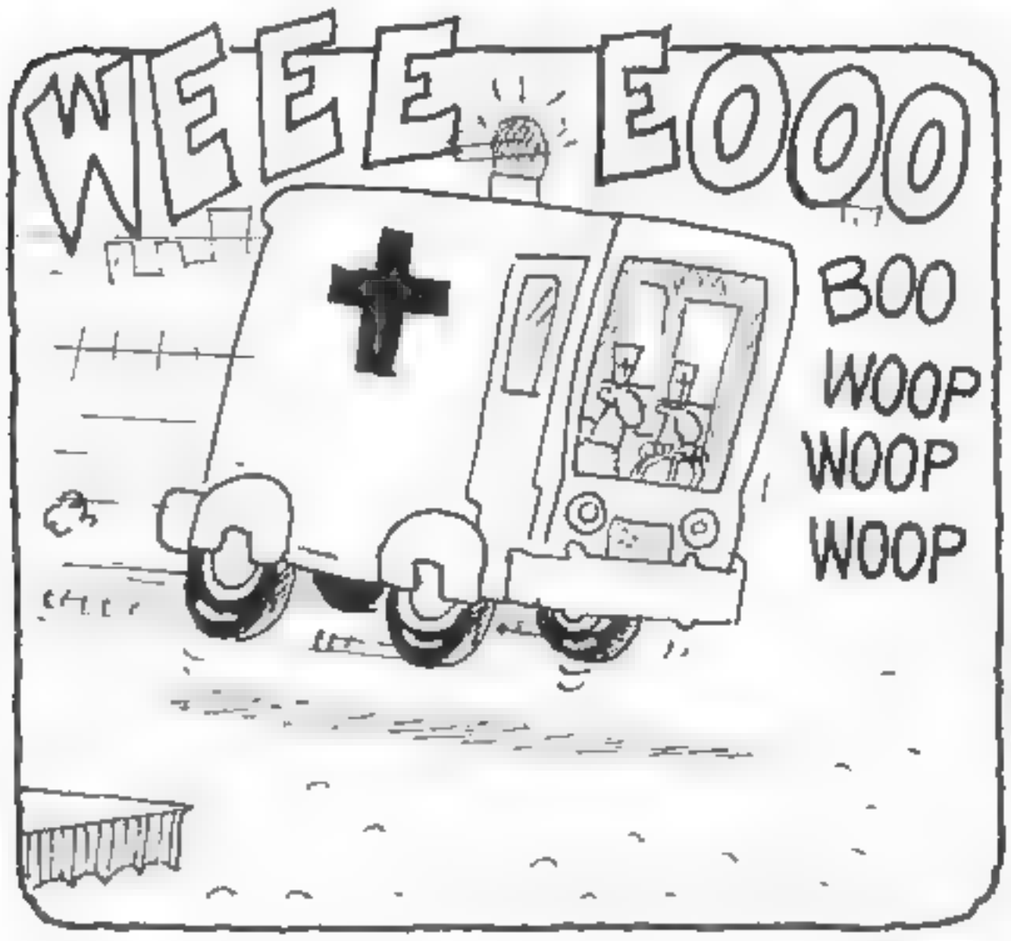
Justice Thomas also noted that inasmuch as Mrs. Bromide had been an assistant principal of a New York City high school, efficiency was not an issue since being dead doesn't seem to make any difference in the performance of that particular job.

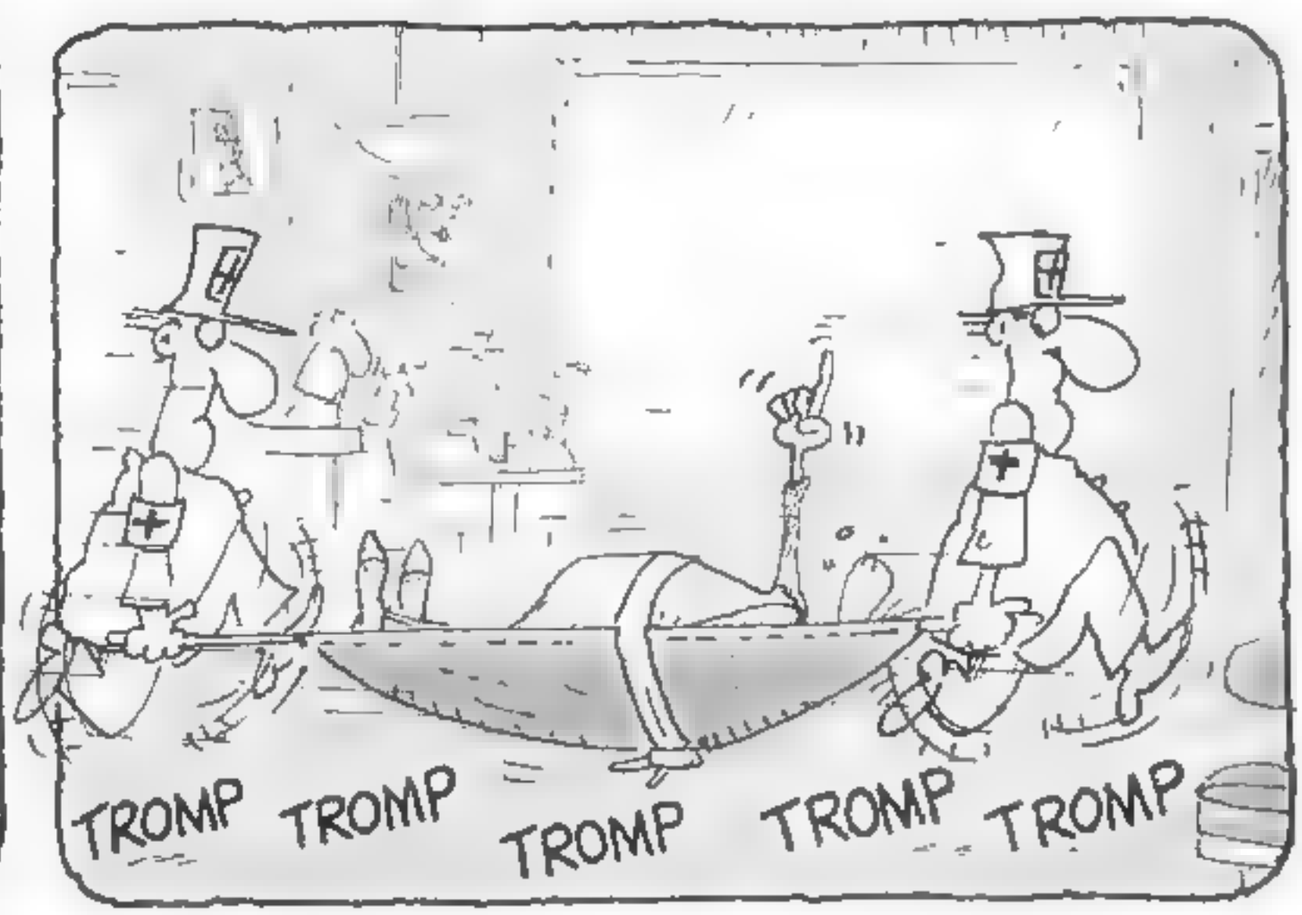
Reaction to the controversial decision was swift with Right to-Lifers issuing a terse statement in which they declared that they would

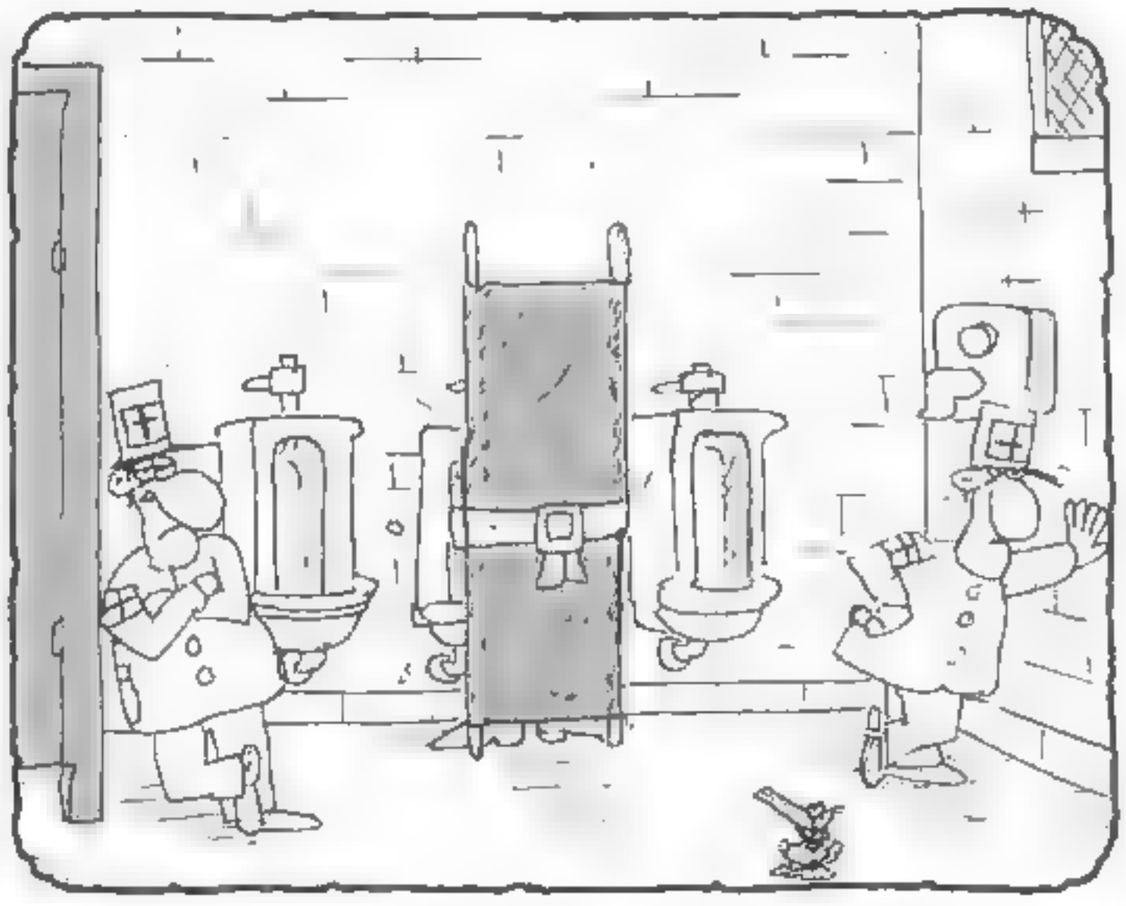
TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

THE BEER HUNTER


That's NUMBER 31 ol' buddies, a NEW HOUSE RECORD for the MOST BEERS CONSUMED in a SINGLE AFTERNOON by YOURS TRULY, MORTY FENSTER!







ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING

A ROCKET FULL OF MIRACLES DEPT.

IMPORTANT LESSONS FROM MARS

In the summer of 1997 the whole world was abuzz when an exploratory craft landed on Martian soil and began sending data back to Earth. But for the average person without an advanced degree in astronomy, it was difficult to understand what all this information meant. Since all of us here at MAD happen to have advanced degrees in astronomy, we thought we would help out all you ignorant laymen by explaining these...

The Pathfinder mission took 9,669 pictures of Mars in 30 days, or about half as many pictures as tabloid photographers took of John Kennedy Jr. in the same period.

The unusually high concentration of silicon found in Martian rocks is seen nowhere on Earth except on Sunset Blvd. in Los Angeles.

The Martian surface is the exact shade of red that Dennis Rodman's hair was when he kicked that reporter in the 'nads.

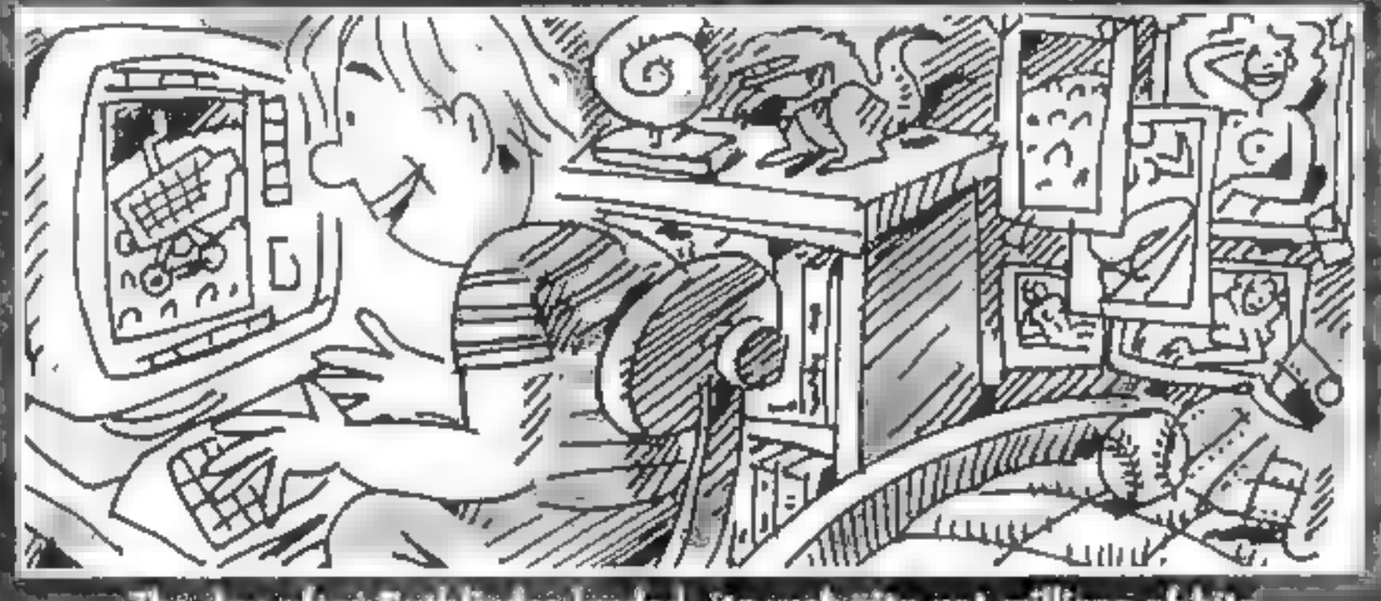
Since the Sojourner is operated by an Intel microchip, NASA engineers spend the vast majority of their workday on hold with tech support.

The Sojourner travels at a top speed of 120 feet-per-hour, meaning it goes twice as fast as the average vehicle leaving a stadium parking lot after an NFL game.

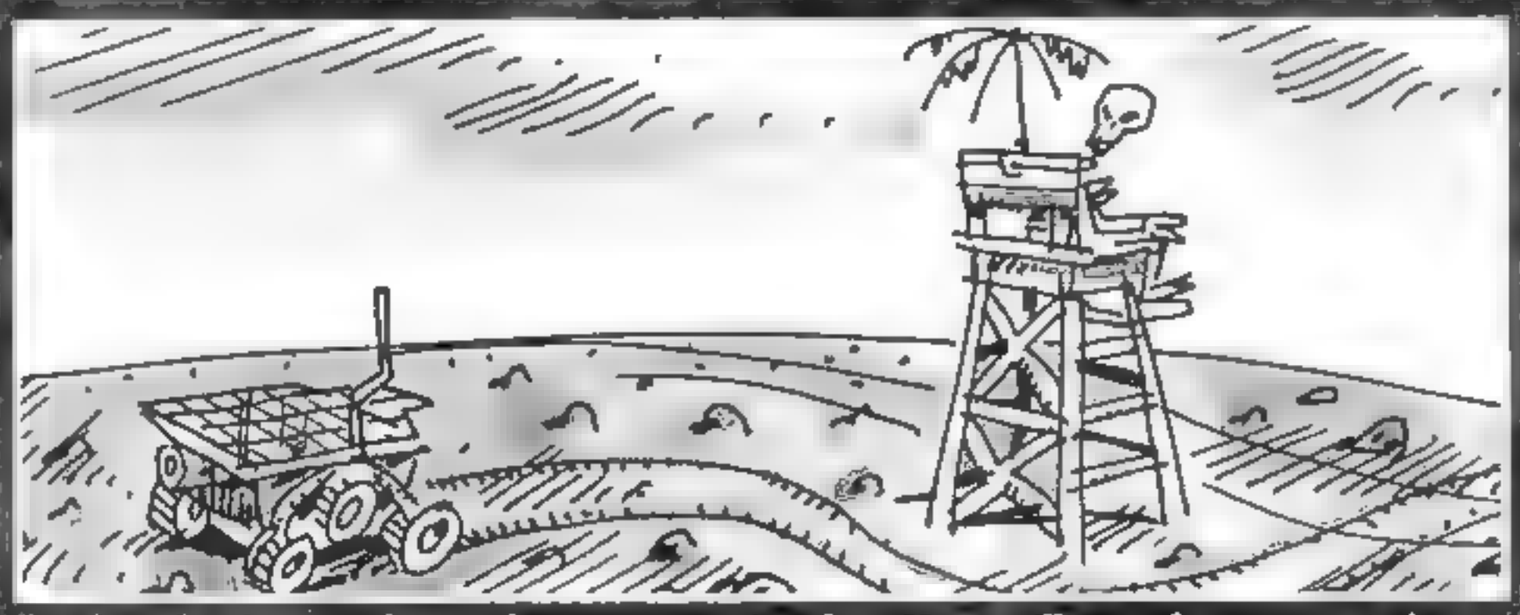
NS LEARNED FROM THE PATHFINDER MISSION

ARTIST: TOM HACHTMAN WRITER: ANDREW J. SCHWARTZBERG

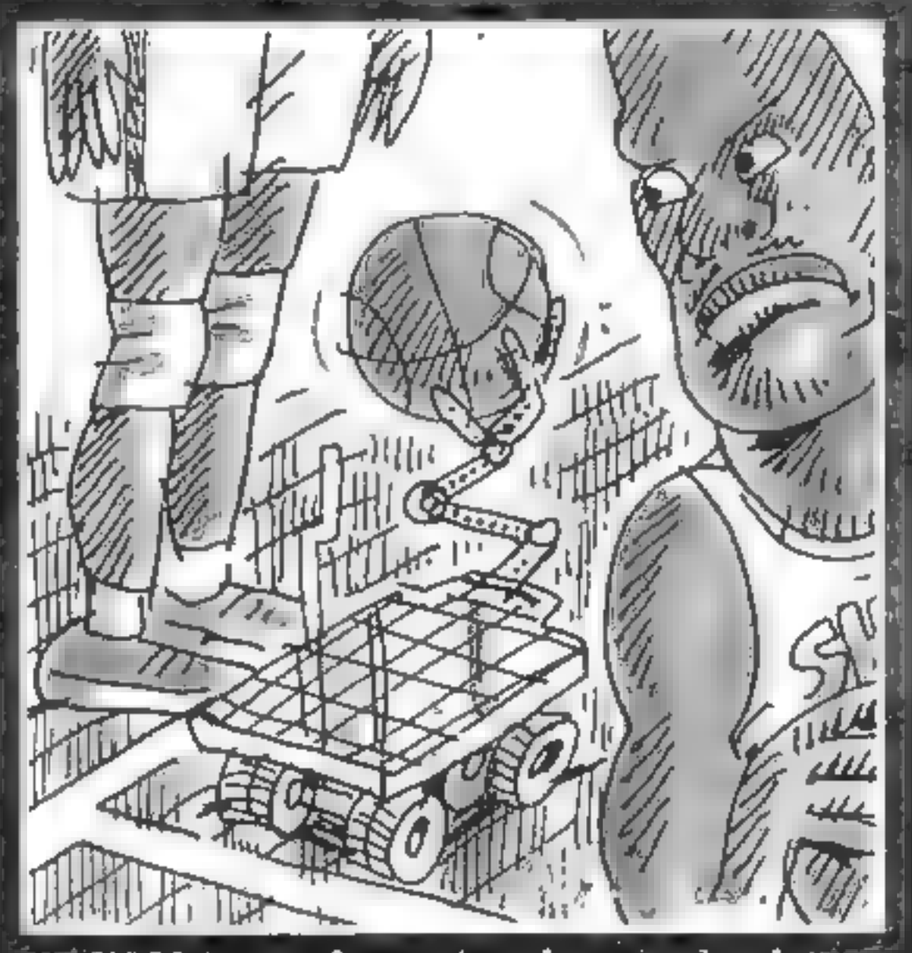
With rocks named Yogi, Casper and Scooby-Doo, it would appear NASA scientists spend a lot more time watching the Cartoon Network than their computer screens.



The day after Pathfinder landed, its web site got millions of hits, proving that not everyone on the net is there to just look for nude photos of Drew Barrymore, Gillian Anderson and Alyssa Milano.



Though scientists know that oceans existed on Mars millions of years ago, the rover's continuing search for a fossilized lifeguard chair has so far proved fruitless.



NASA spent about as much money on the Pathfinder mission as the Lakers did on Shaquille O'Neal, however the rover can shoot free throws with a much higher degree of accuracy than Shaq ever will.

It is faster to get pictures developed on a planet 200 million miles away than it is at your local drug store.

THE MAD REPERTORY PLAYERS

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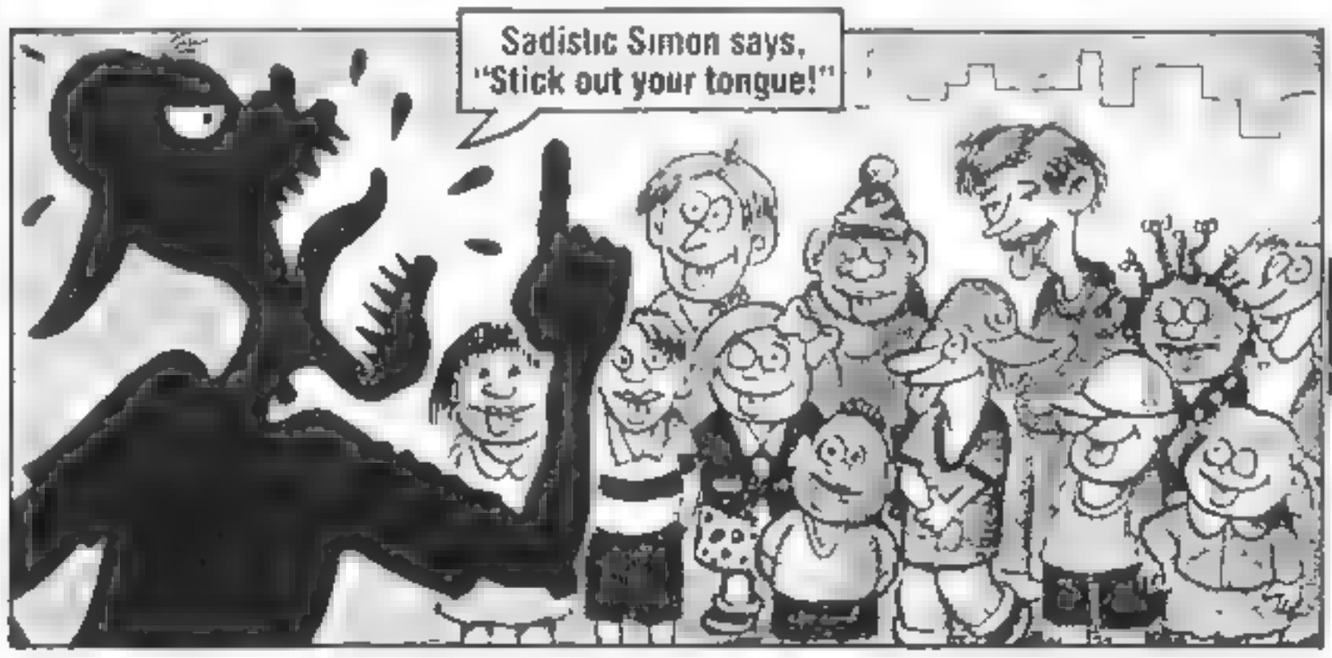

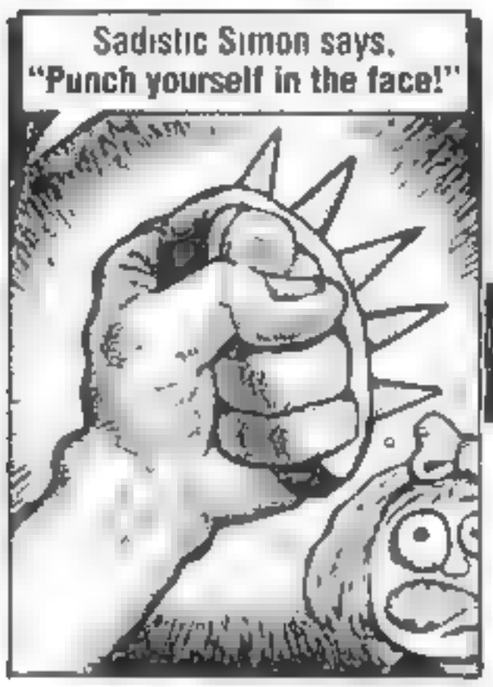

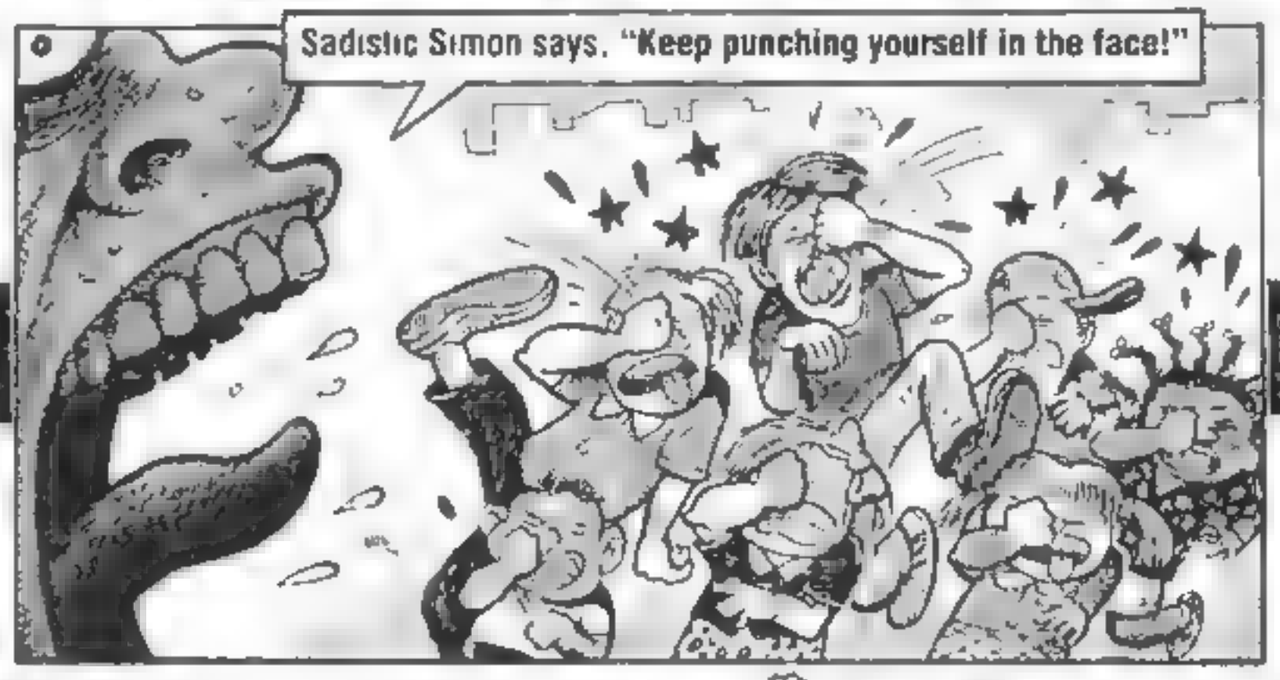

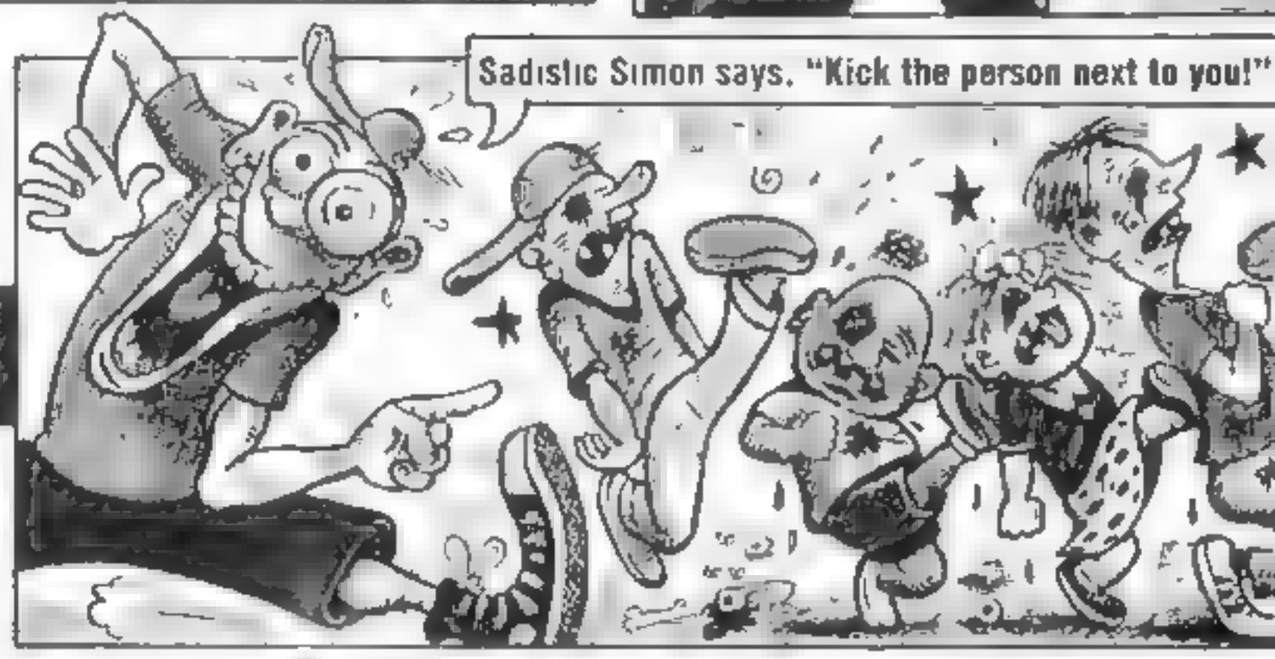

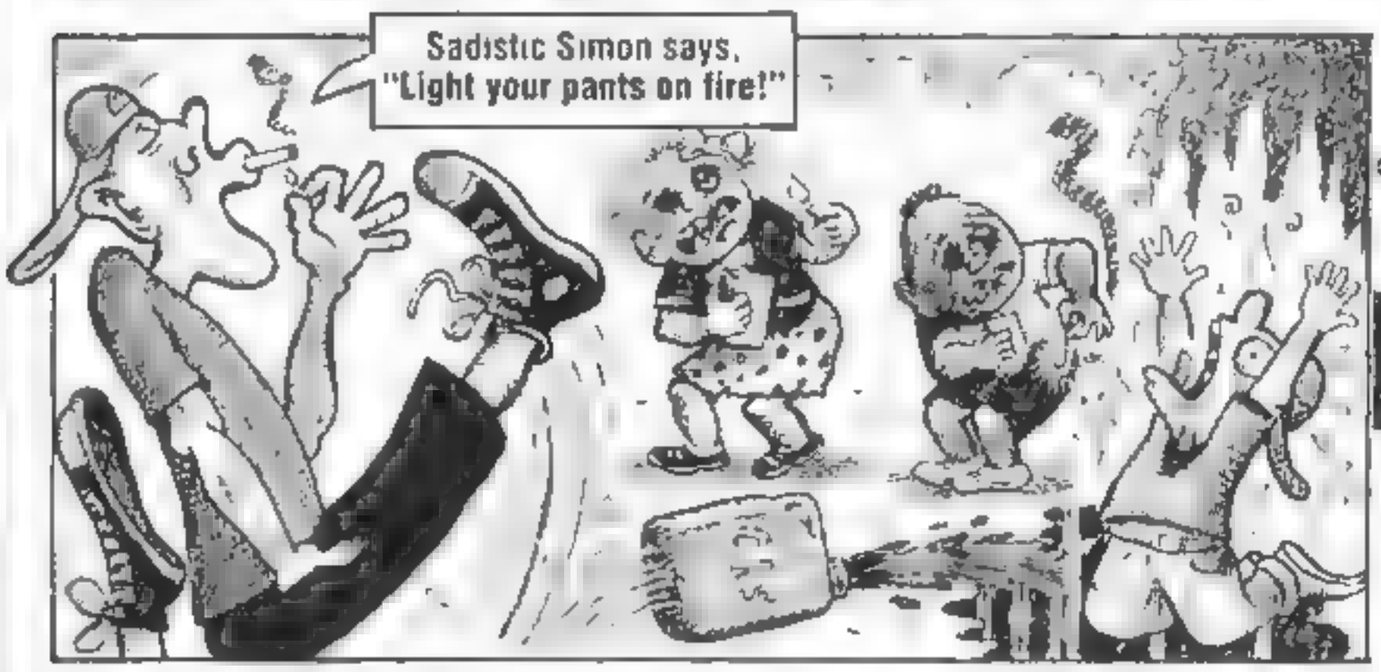

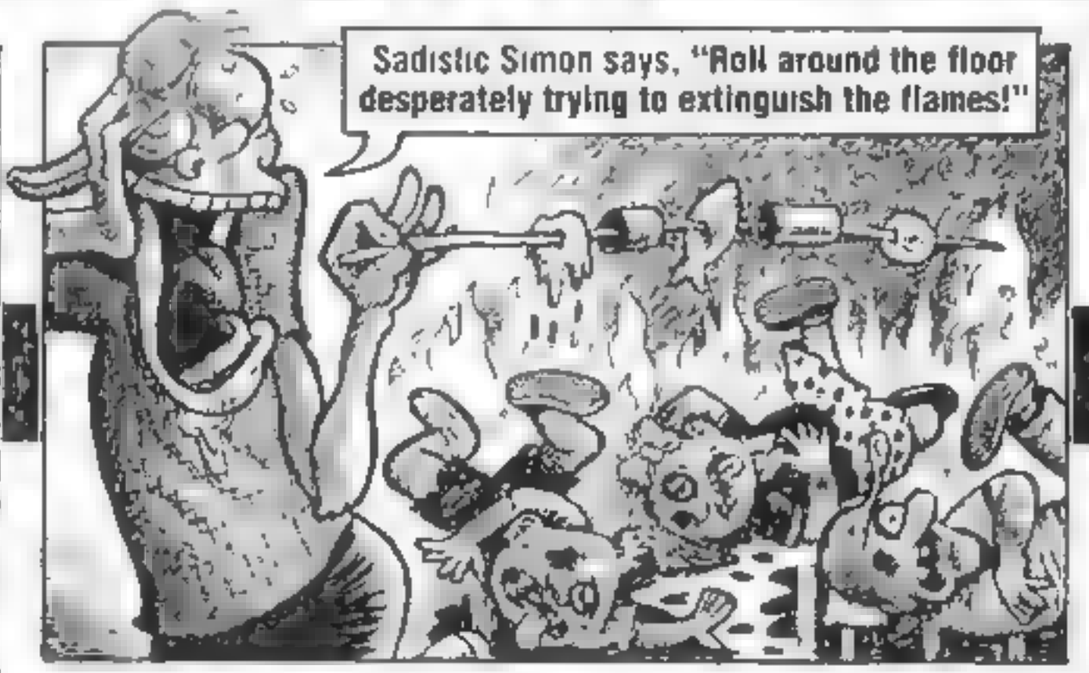

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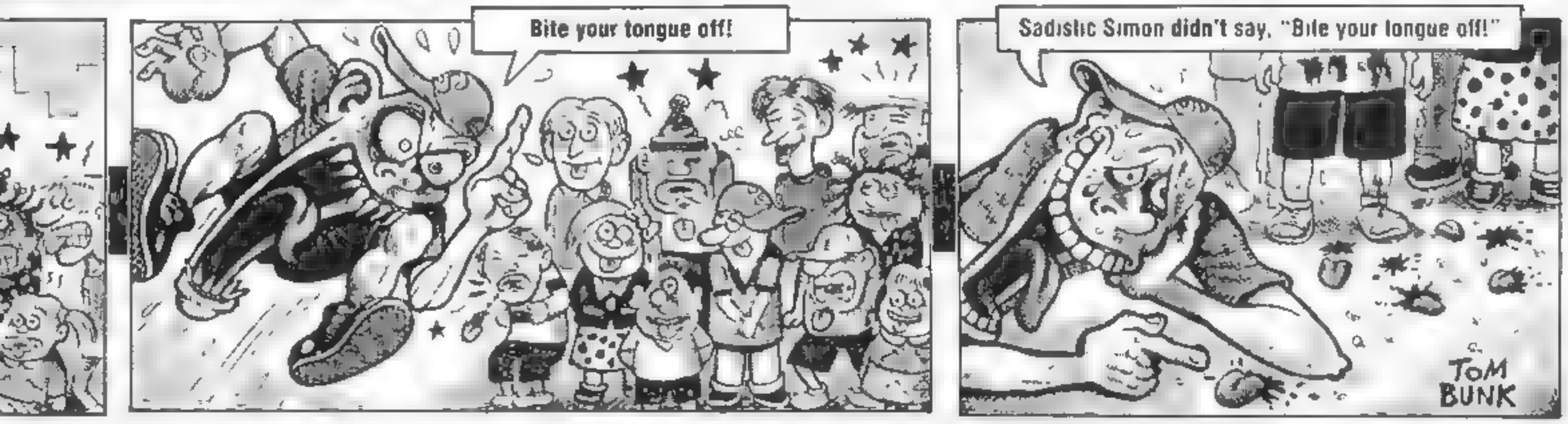

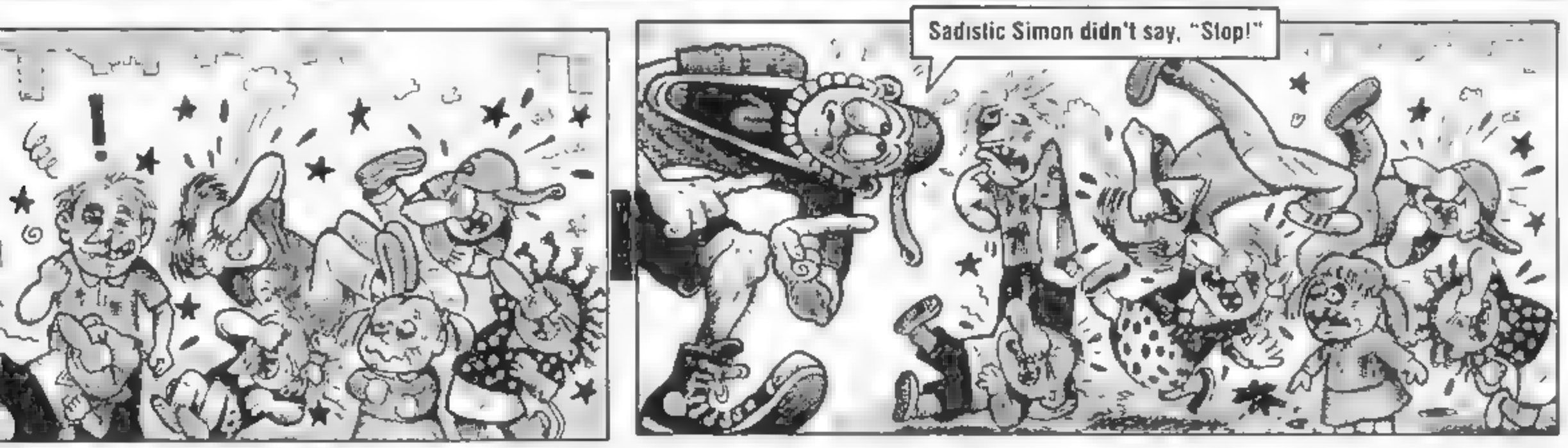

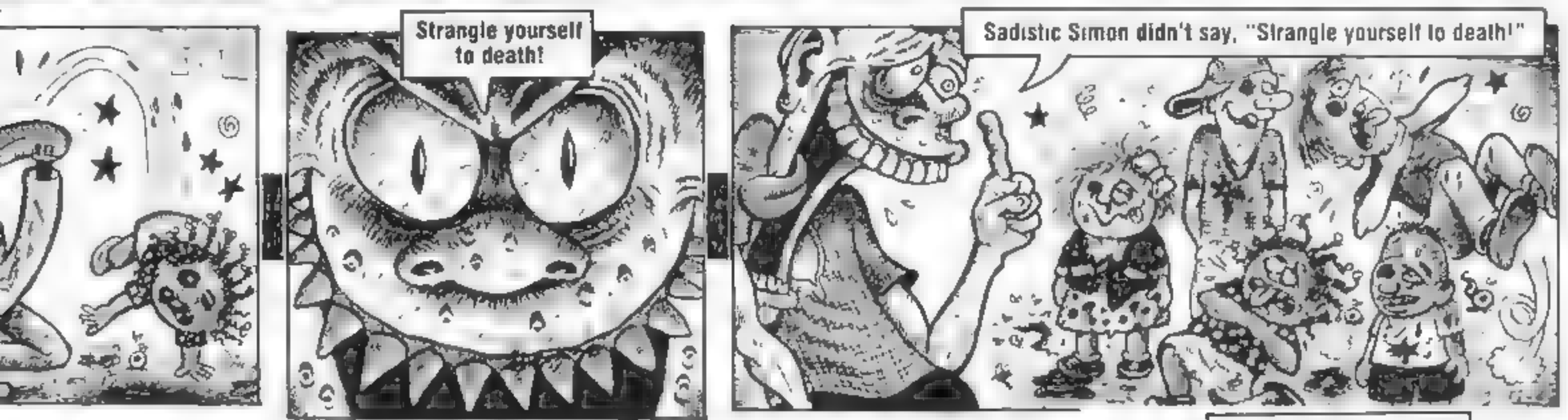

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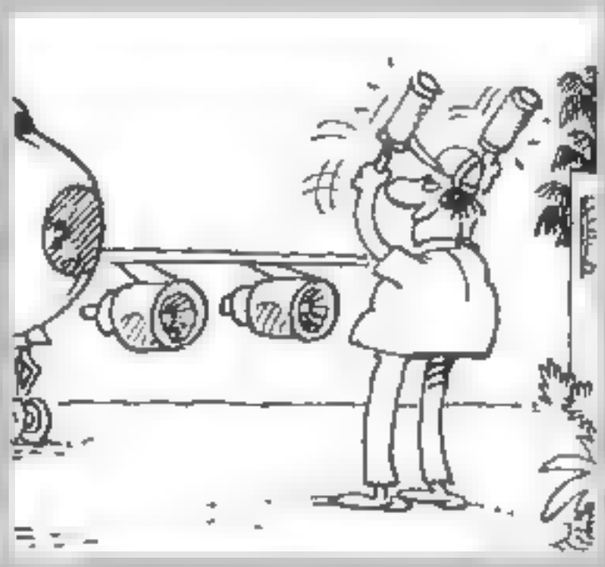

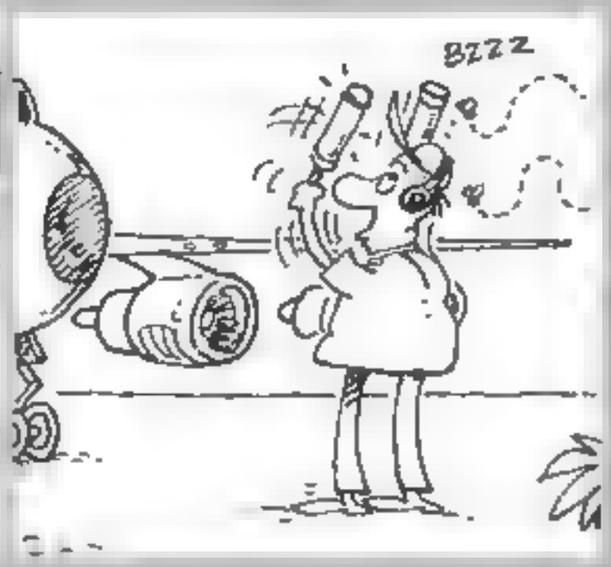
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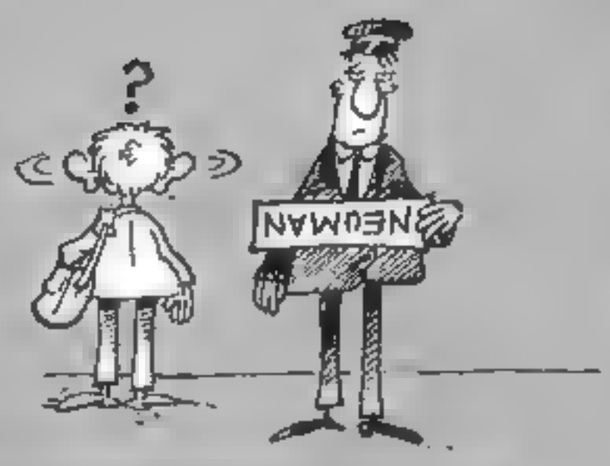

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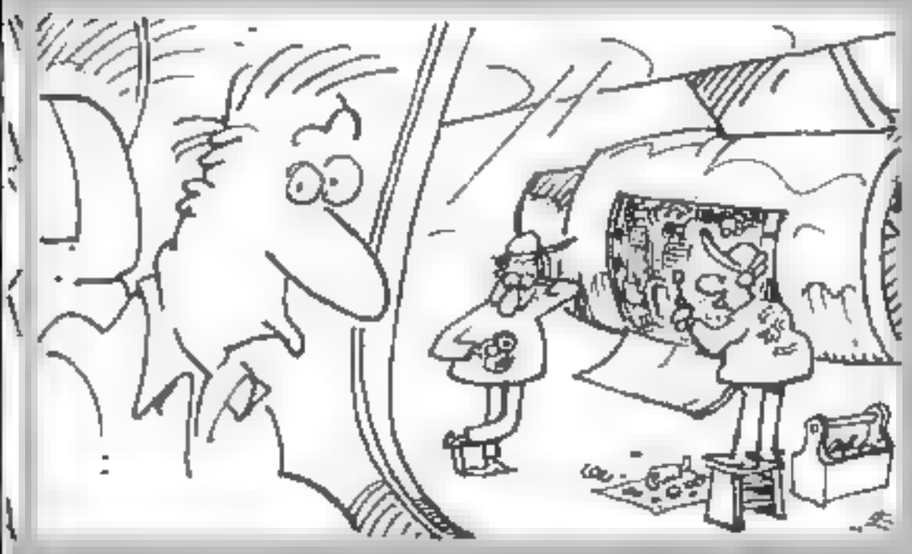

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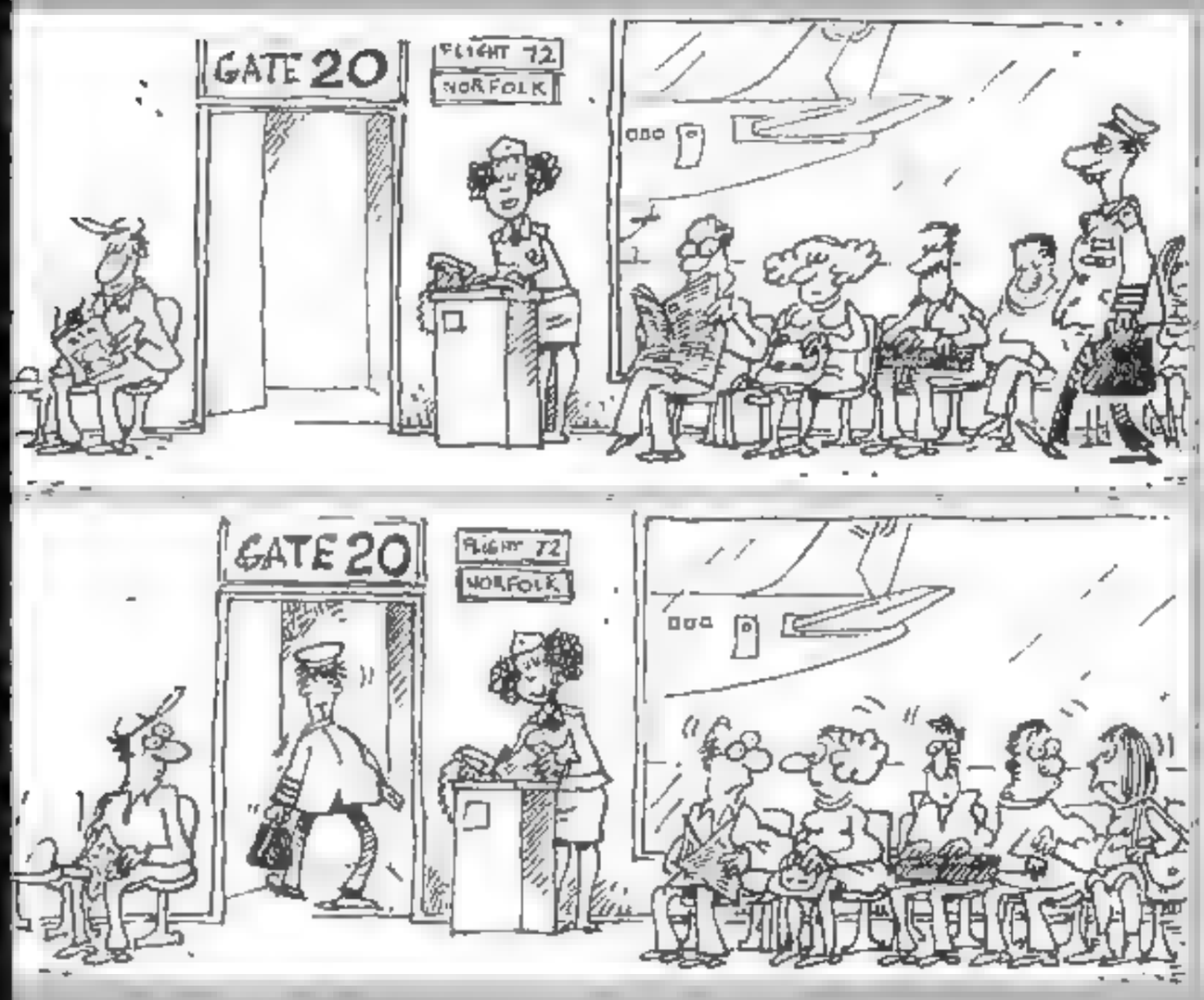
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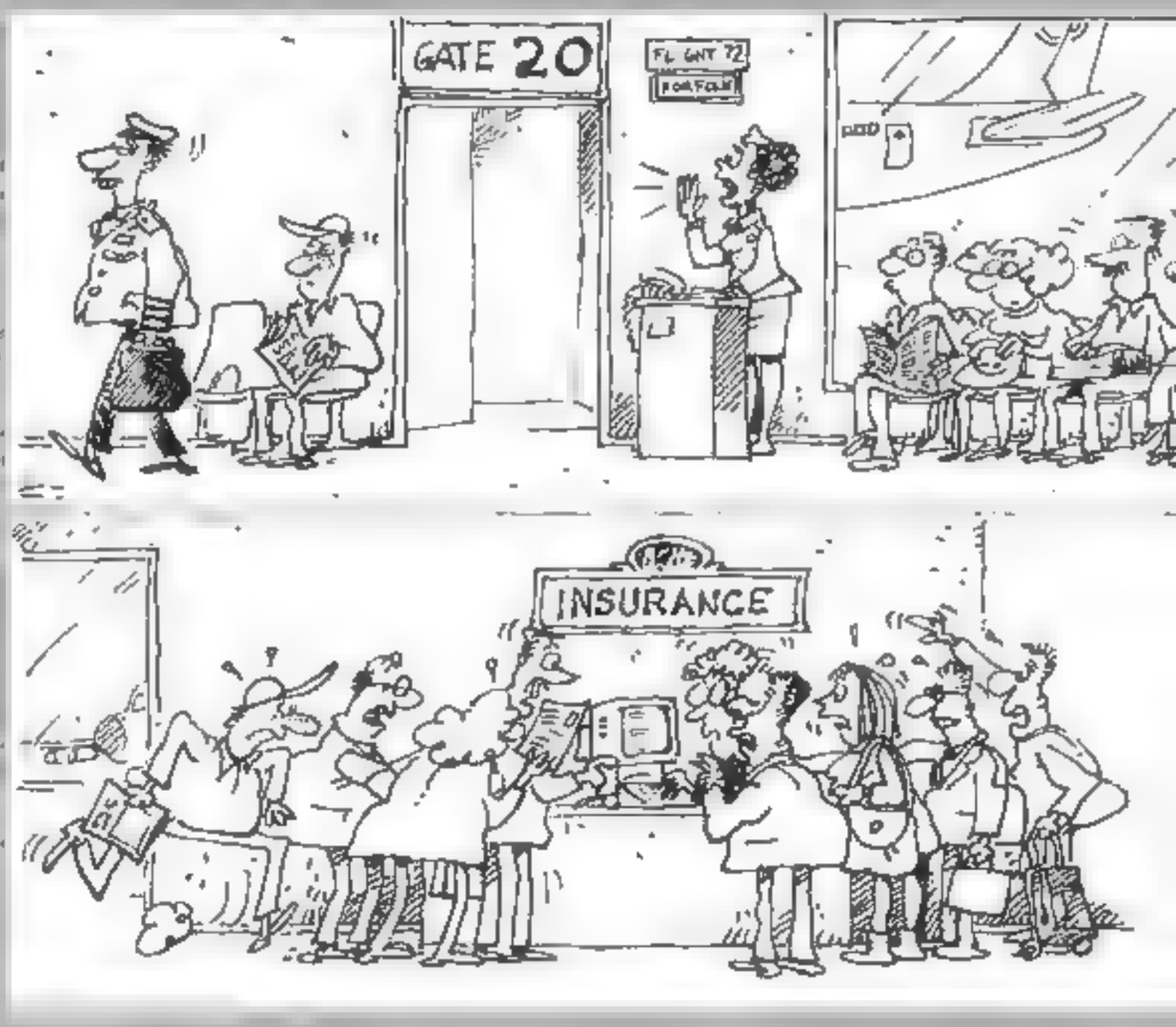
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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...

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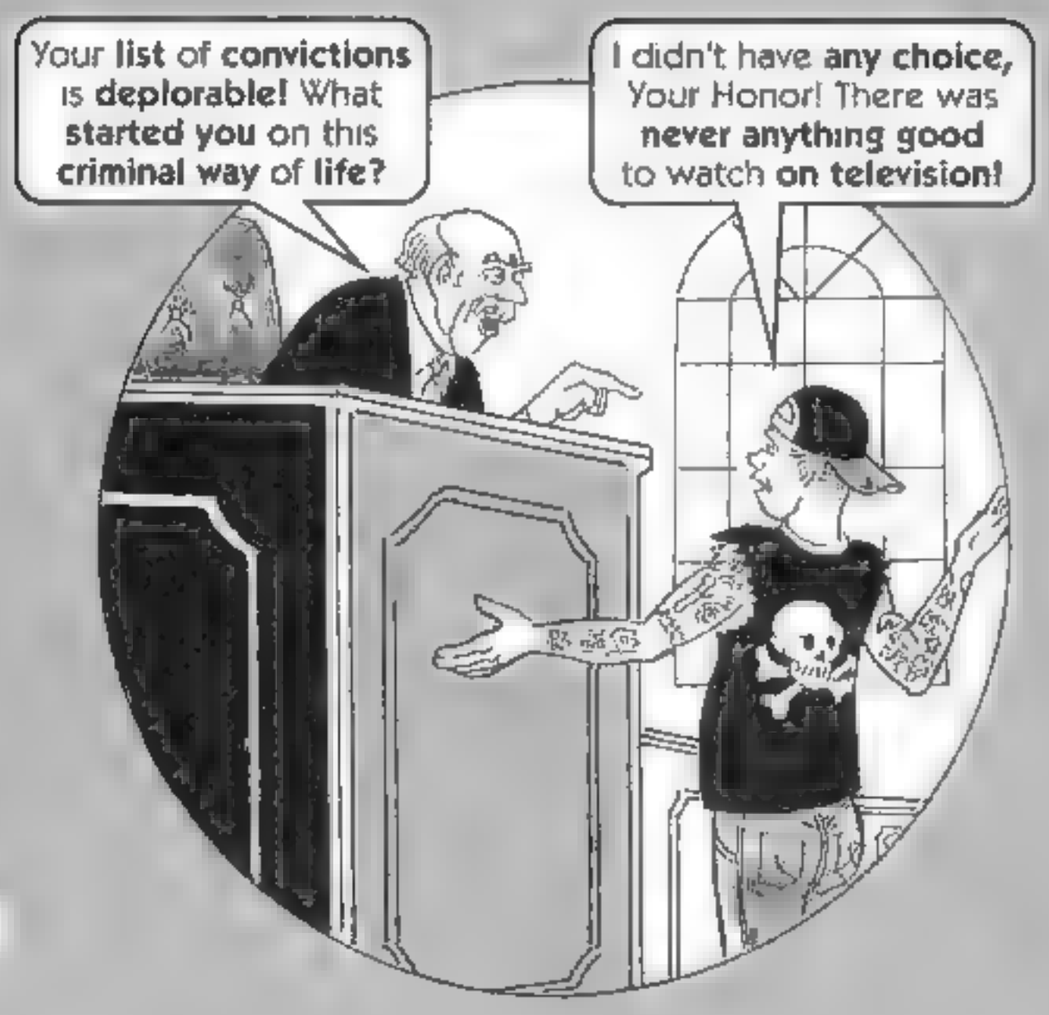
Your list of convictions is deplorable! What started you on this criminal way of life?
I didn't have any choice, Your Honor! There was never anything good to watch on television!

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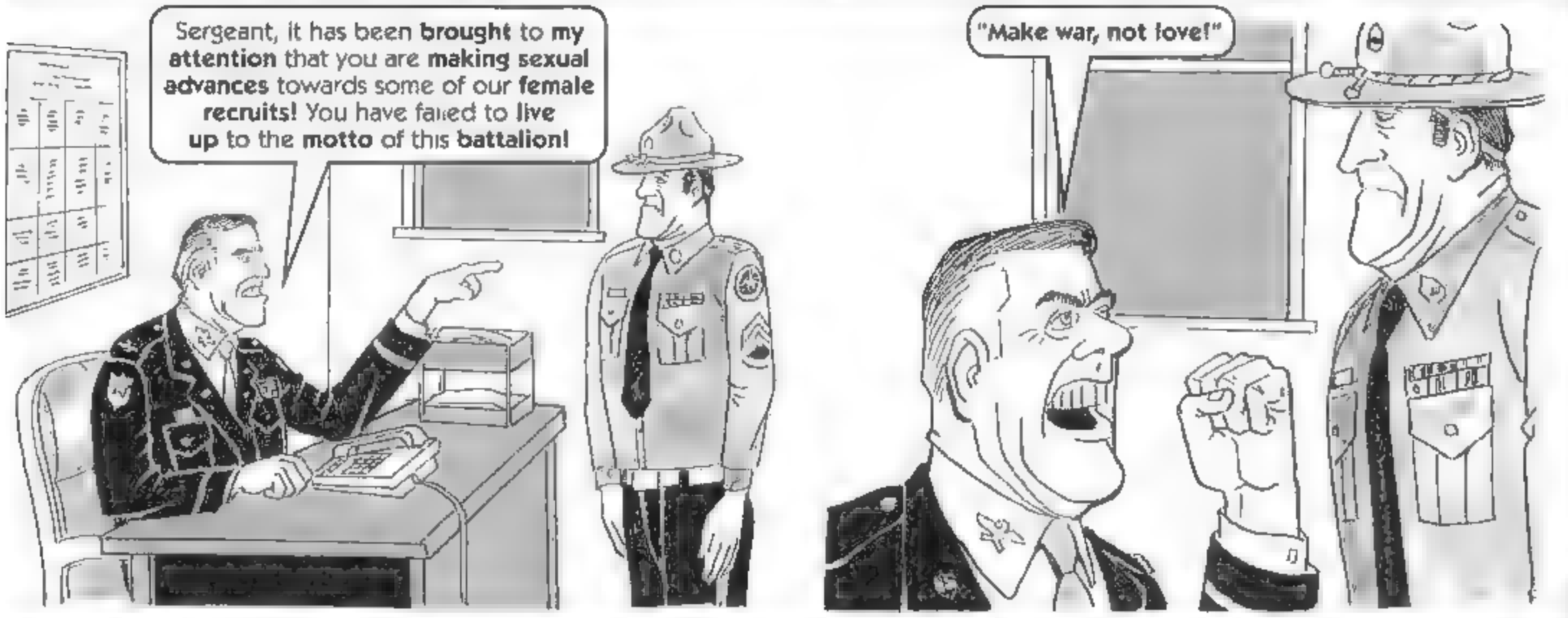

Sergeant, it has been brought to my attention that you are making sexual advances towards some of our female recruits! You have failed to live up to the motto of this battalion!
"Make war, not love!"

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG

COMMUNICATION

Look at her! On the **phone again!** My wife **lives** on the **phone!** And all she **ever talks about** is the **same old thing!**
What is "the **same old thing**"?
How much work she has to do and how she **can't find** the **time** to get it **done!**

SLEEP

DRIVING

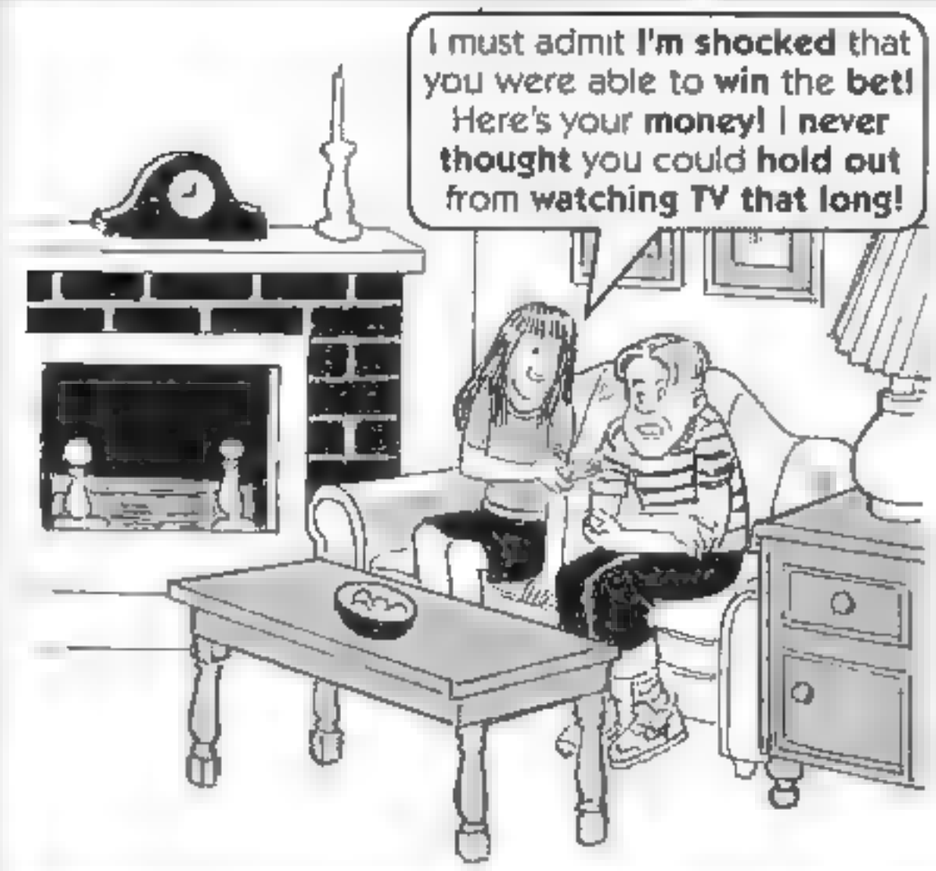
I'd better **stop** and **pick up** that **hitchhiker!**
I thought you were **against picking up hitchhikers!**
I know, but it's the **least** I can do for this guy **considering I knocked him down!**
8204
TO L.A.

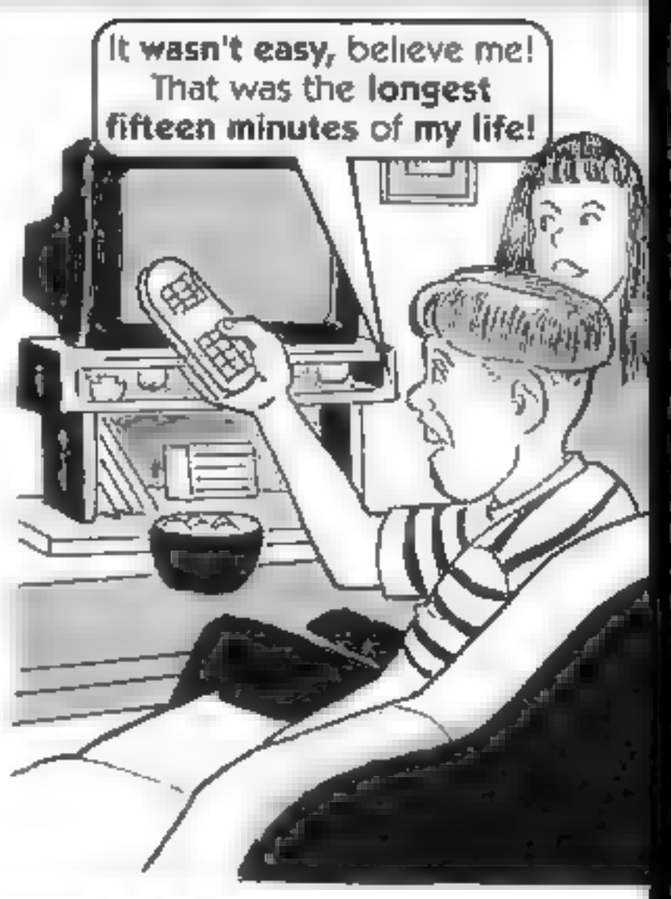
THERAPY

LISTENING PLEASU

Thank you for calling The **Boonton First National Bank!** All our **representatives** are **busy** at the moment, but your call is **important** to us, so please **stay on the line!** While you're **waiting,** we will **entertain** you with **music!**

WILL POWER


I must admit **I'm shocked** that you were able to **win** the **bet!** Here's your **money!** I **never thought** you could **hold out** from **watching TV that long!**



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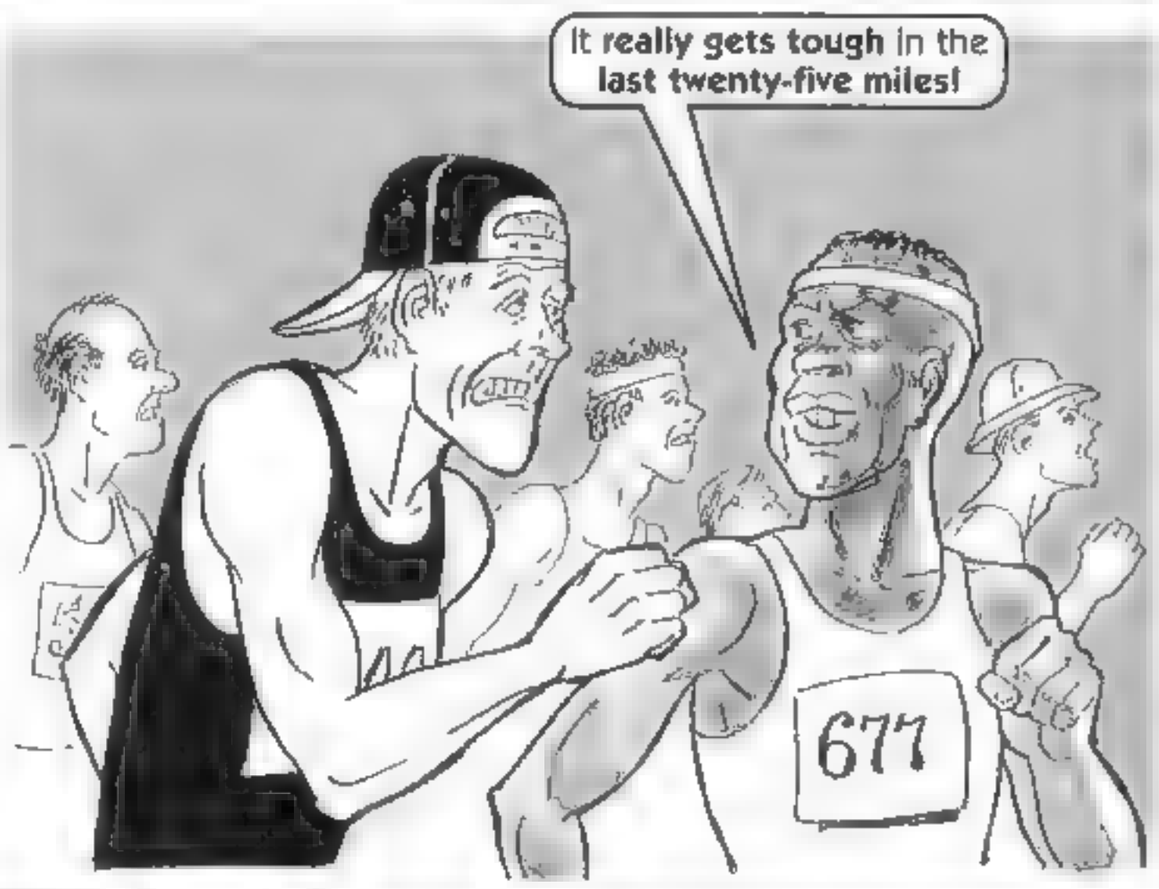

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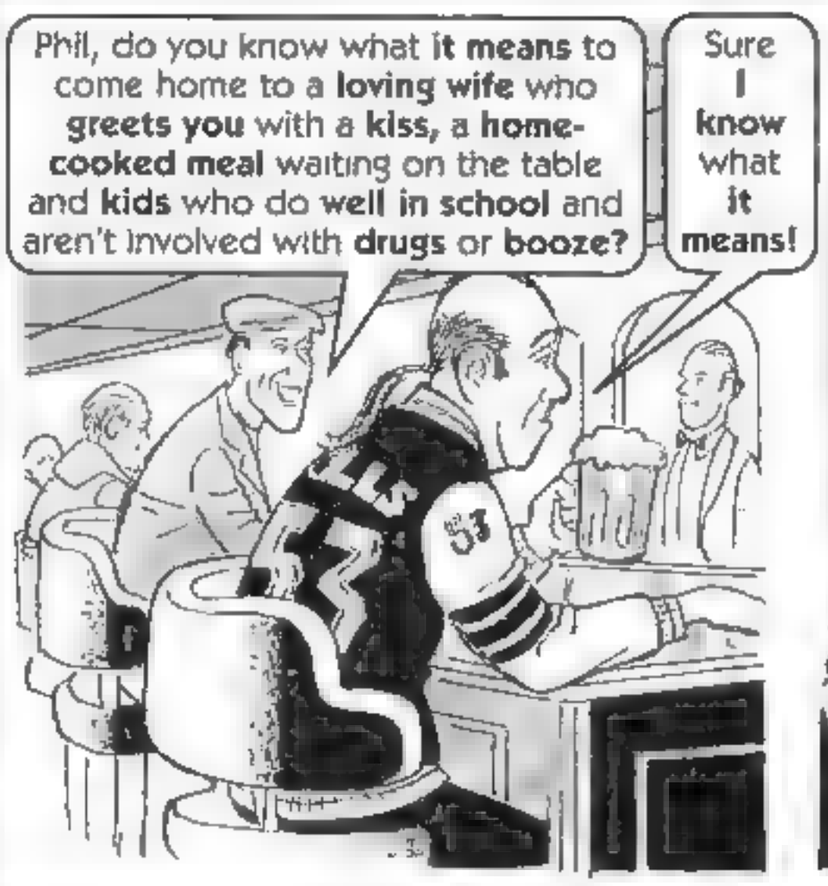
Phil, do you know what **it means** to come home to a **loving wife** who **greets you** with a **kiss,** a **home-cooked meal** waiting on the table and **kids** who do **well in school** and aren't involved with **drugs** or **booze?**
Sure **I know** what **it means!**
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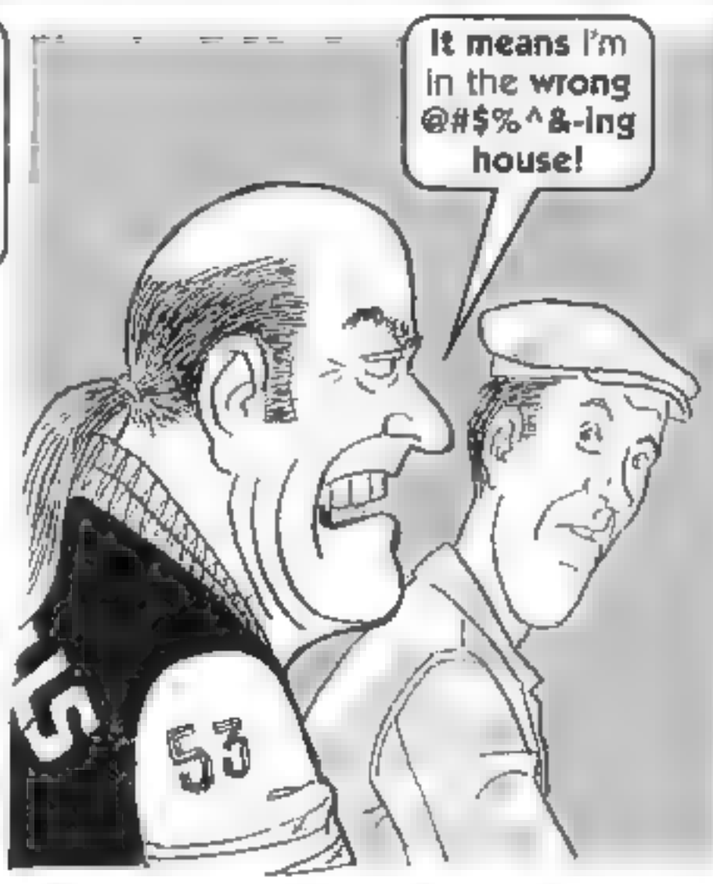

THE OFFICE

It's not **easy** being a **boss!**
You **know it!** I **hate** that I have to get here **by nine every morning...**
SKINNY
...just to see **who's coming in late!**

HIGH TECH

Enough with the **computer! Get ready** for bed this minute! **Brush your teeth** and **say your prayers!**
Now? Aw, gee, **mom!**
Can't I just **e-mail** my **prayers to God?**

DOCTORS

Kaputnik, we've done a **complete x-ray** of your body from **head** to **toe,** north, south, east and west! **Everything** appears to be **normal except...**
Except what, Doctor? Please **tell me!**
As a result of all this testing **you may be radioactive!**

CONTENTMENT

Wait'll you **hear** this **piece** of **news!** Tim and Cathy are getting a **divorce!**
No! I thought they had a **"storybook marriage"!**
Now it's **their lawyers** who will **live happily ever after!**
David Berg

—*advertisement*—

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Too mediocre to miss! You don't have to miss old issues of Playboy's Newsstand Spectacles. From Playboy's sultry Girls with Facial Hair, *to the racy* Book of Lingerie No Girlfriend of Yours Will Ever Wear, *each issue is filled with outtake photos of women who aren't attractive enough to be real Playmates! All copies are from warehouse stock and never before sold because of minor defects, such as missing pages and unidentified stains. Quantities and quality are limited!*

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T&A6699	Sept/1992	The Violent, Drunken Girls of Spring Break	$29
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T&A6069	Feb/1993	Claymation Girls	$40
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T&A0769	Aug/1994	The Women of Home Depot	$66
T&A0869	Sept/1994	Dead-End Career Girls	$71

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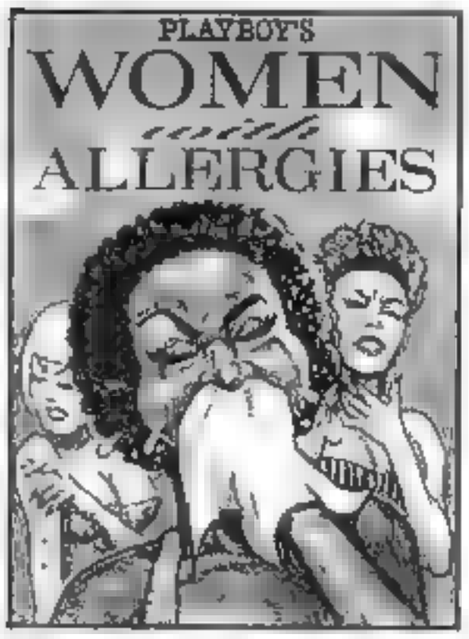
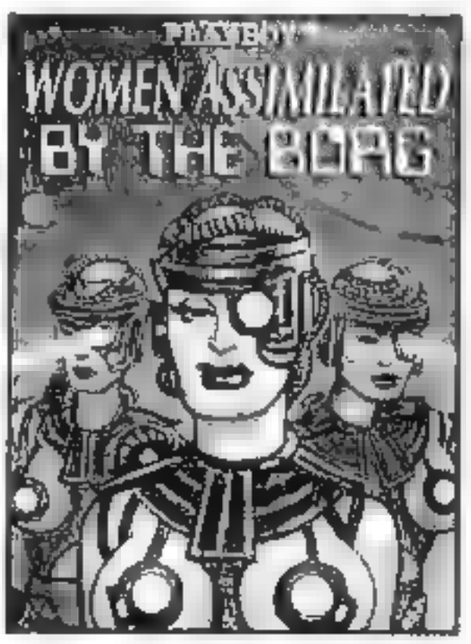
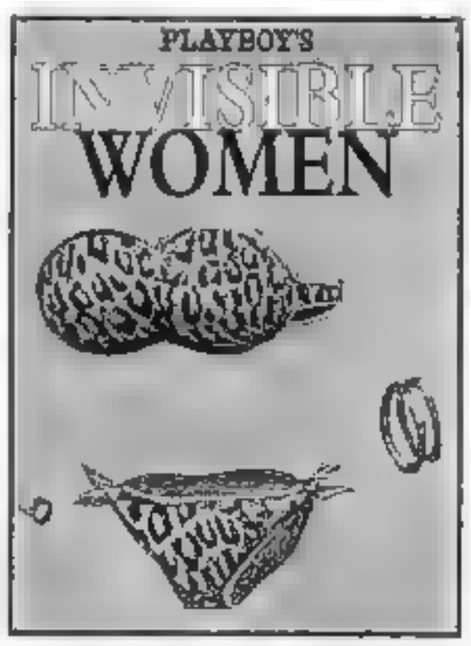
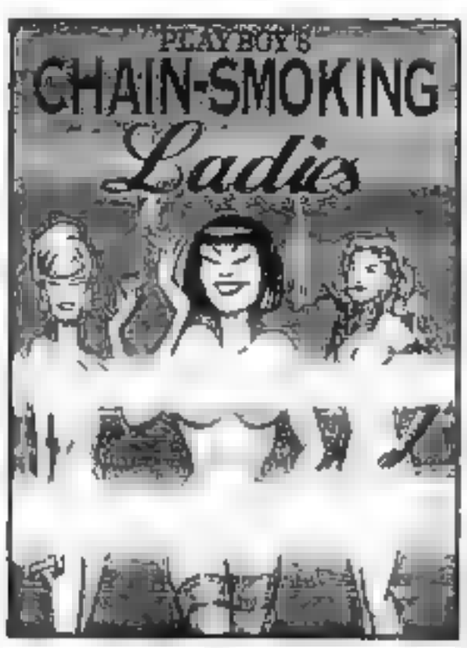


ARTIST: GREG THEAKSTON

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE







* *Prices Good thru 6/24/97. After that, they really shoot up.*

Lance Ito is still a practicing judge!

The Stones are touring yet again!

We may be looking at Gore vs. Quayle in the year 2000!

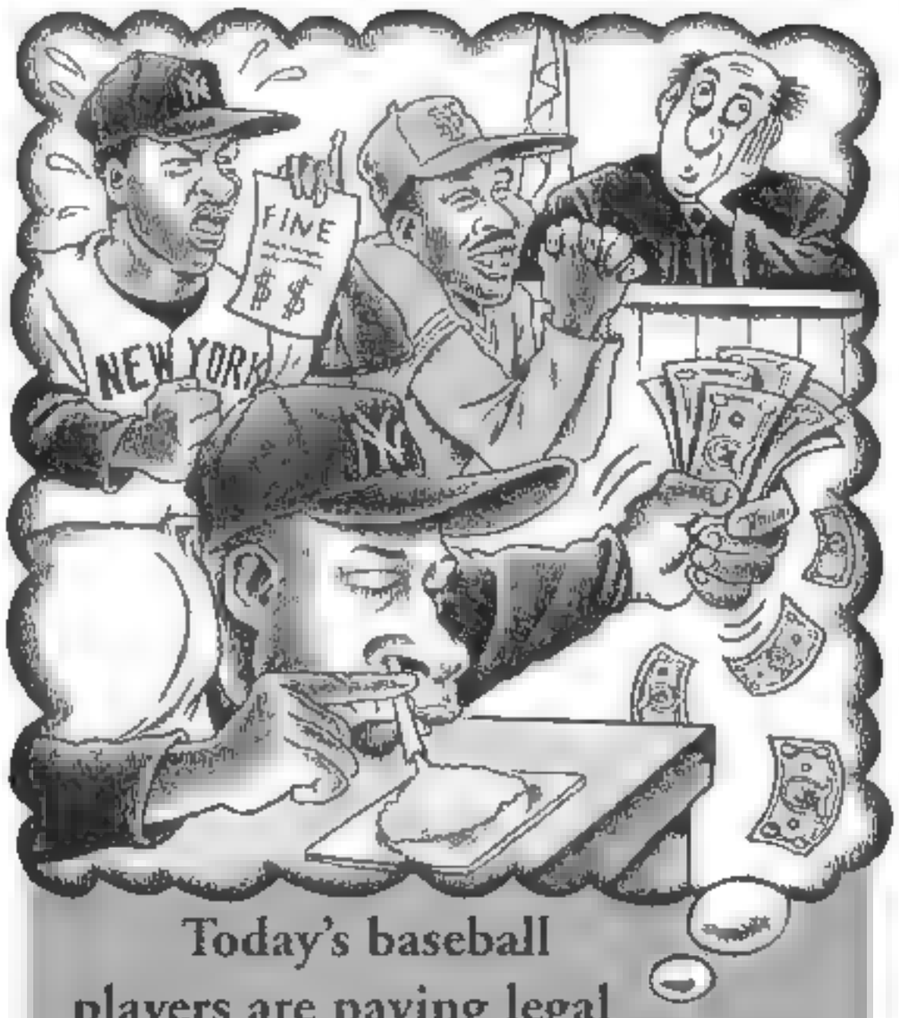
Scary, eh? If those aren't frightening enough, read on as MAD presents (yet again)...

STILL EVEN MORE CHILLING THOUGHTS

The camcorder has been around long enough that the first wave of purchasers are starting to die — which means that their children will soon be discovering the homemade "erotic" tapes their parents forgot to burn or erase before croaking.

With ongoing "will they or won't they?" sexual tension becoming such a big subtext of every single TV series, next year's episodes of *Barney and Friends*, *This Old House* and *Primetime Live* should be REAL interesting.

ARTIST: RICK TULKA WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



Today's baseball players are paying legal fines bigger than the career salaries of Willie Mays, Duke Snider and Mickey Mantle combined.

Howard Stern has conquered radio, TV, Pay-Per-View, books and movies — can the world of opera be far behind?

Now that he's made a bundle re-releasing an enhanced version of *Star Wars*, look for George Lucas to digitally update the rest of his films, starting with *Howard the Duck*.

There are adults — rational, college-educated adults — who read, and enjoy, the comic strip *Ziggy*.

With the boost that the infamous "front seat" sexcapade gave Hugh Grant's career, you know that Paul Hogan HAS to be thinking about it.

As senility approaches, Bob Dylan's new lyrics are bound to get a little more confused, and his voice a little more creaky.

Eeeewwwhhh — how does it feel to be **knucklebone** —er — the **turnip shells** are **grown** — hmmm, **plastic David Cone** — omnibus on loan — velvet slide trombone *(hack)*, *(cough)* my children **never phone** — oops, I just **passed a stone!**
Whoo! All right! Man, He's still **got it!**

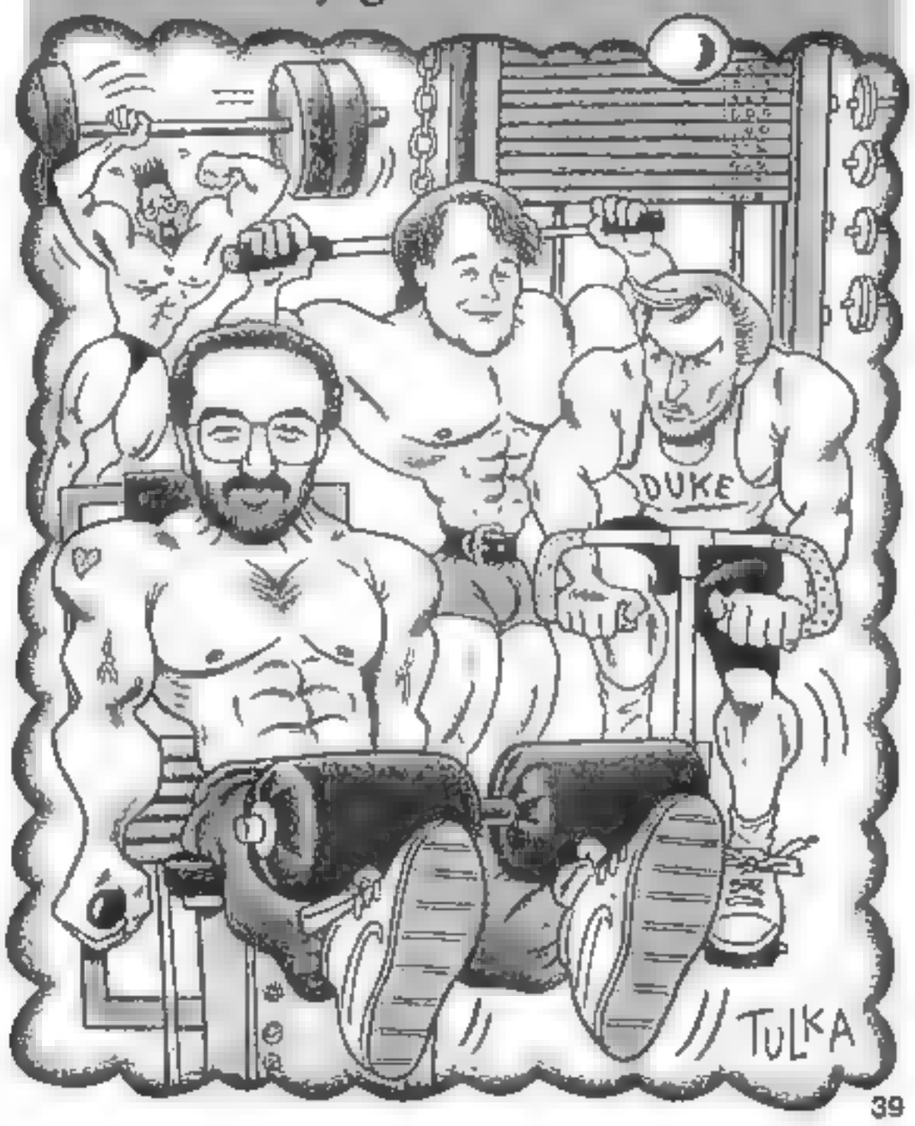
To keep his fans interested, Marilyn Manson will have to come up with something even more gimmicky next year.

If 90% of the scientists who ever lived are alive right now, that means that 90% of the mad scientists are too.

In 50 or 60 years, the weekly sing-along sessions at old folks' homes and retirement communities will consist of "Black Hole Sun," "Gangsta Gangsta" and "Head Like A Hole."

I'm like a dog in heat!
A freak without warning!
I got an appetite for love,
'cause me...so...horny!
UHHH! Me so horny!
UH-UHHH! Me so horny!
UH-UHHH! Me so horny!
Me love you long time!

This is already the fourth installment of "Chilling Thoughts" in about a year — and the people responsible for all four are still in reasonably good health.



As the 21st century gets underway, we'll be seeing the full effects of breast implants that never sag or deteriorate, surrounded by bodies that most definitely do.

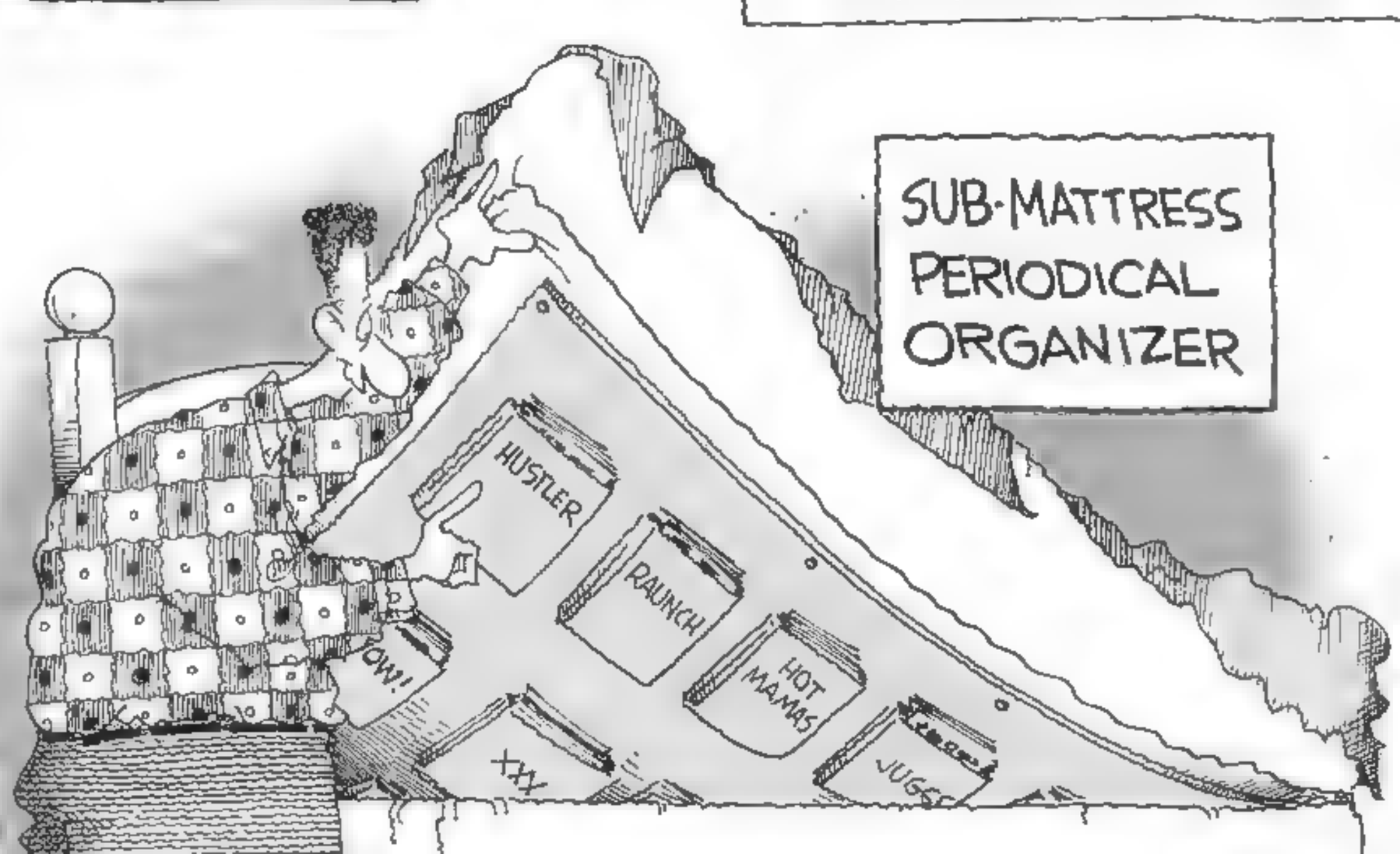
TULKA

BACK AT THE RAUNCH DEPT.

"Sex toys," "marital aids," "relationship enhancers" – call 'em whatever you want, they're used by millions of sexually active folks across this great land! But isn't it about time that someone came up with "pleasure products" for the millions and millions of us who AREN'T getting any action? Then, on a lonely Saturday night, we could always cuddle up with these...

ADULT NOVELTIES FOR LOSERS

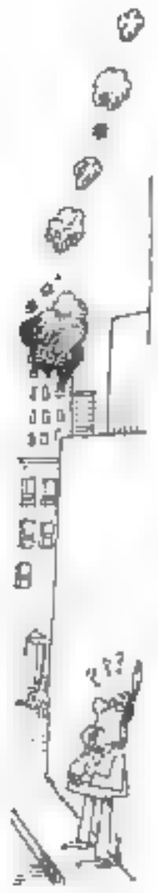
ARTIST & WRITER JOHN CALDWELL



THE "CLAPPER" BRAND VIBRATING BOXER SHORTS

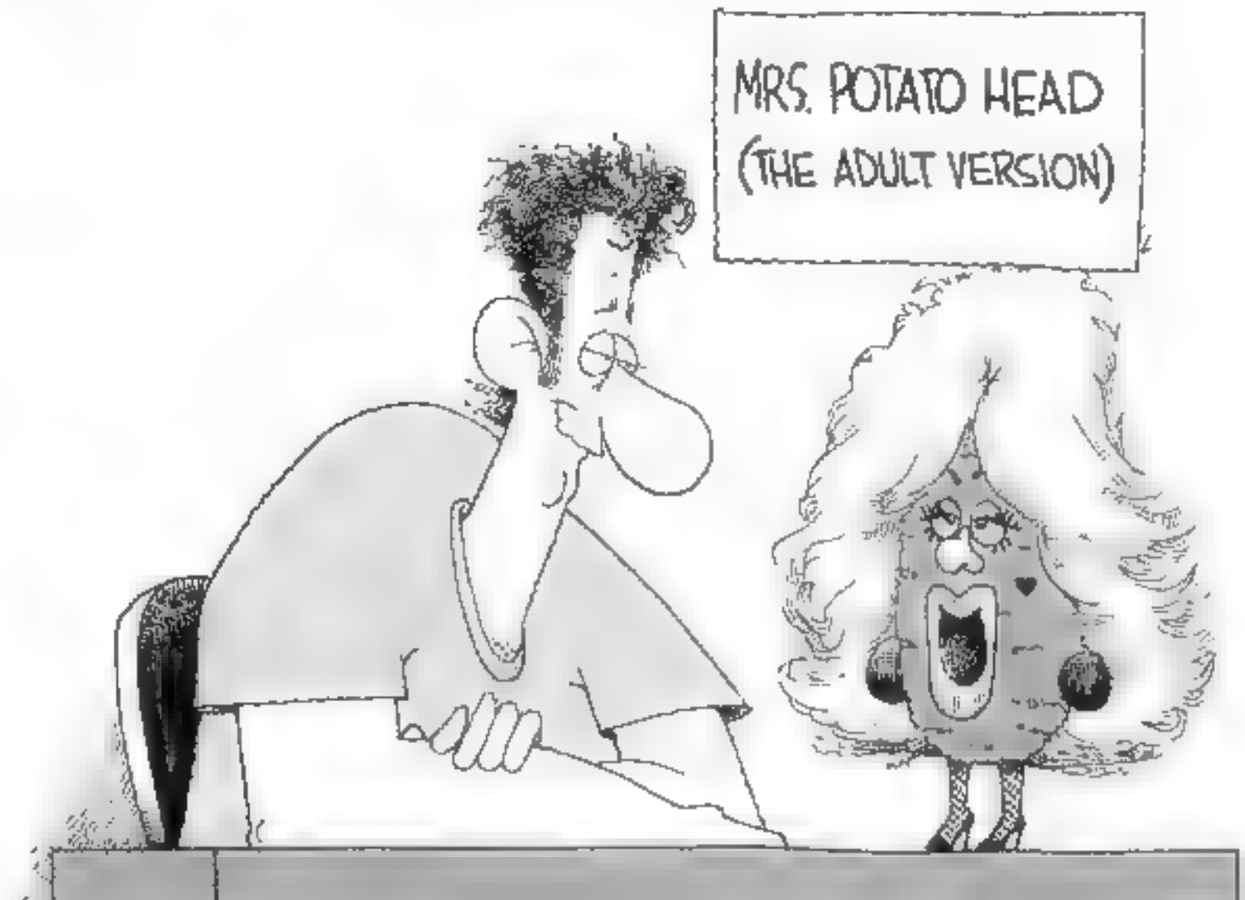
THE BATTERY OPERATED HICKEY APPLICATOR

THE SNAP-ON PHONE SEX DROOL TRAP



LISA, THE LAP DANCING MARIONETTE

MRS. POTATO HEAD (THE ADULT VERSION)



PLAY THAT CHUNKY MUSIC, FAT BOY DEPT.

the DRO

Once upon a time, if a stand-up comic was going to get his or her own sitcom, they had to have real talent, like Bill Cosby, Roseanne or Jerry Seinfeld. Soon the networks turned to the B-list: folks like Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence, Sinbad and Ellen DeGeneres. After that, they got REALLY desperate and signed up Brett Butler. Then, with Shecky Greene refusing to leave Vegas, Carrot Top estimating his prop budget to be $1 million per show and Jackie Mason's bum ticker keeping him at home, ABC had no choice but to drag the sludge-filled bottom of the Giggle Shack barrel to find you-know-who! The result was...

Meany, can you pass me a couple of paper clips?
Get your own stinkin' paper clips, Mr. Dip-wad!
You know, Meany that's really not very nice at all
You want nice work at an orphanage! This is a hard-ass department store! Hey, it's chilly in here, dork! Did you turn up the air conditioner!?
Why don't you rub your thighs together and start a fire!
They're at it again!
This office isn't big enough for the two of them!
The Province of Manitoba isn't big enough for the two of them!
Where are we?
We're not in Kansas anymore, Dorothy! This place is called Cleveland!
Gosh, I never knew a place could be so dazzling and glamorous!
You call this dazzling and glamorous?
PENSKI FILE
MAX KORN
WIDE LOAD
DON'T EAT THE PLANT

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITER: JOSH GORDON

OP CAREY SHOW

No! I suddenly realized that KANSAS is dazzling and glamorous!

This is one of Cleve and's top department stores!

They're not doing much business!

It's sort of a specialty store!

What do they specialize in?

They specialize in smart-ass one-liners and lots of them!

I don't get it! What's with the popularity of this show?

Droop Carey! He's Everyman! He's got the paunch, the nerdy horn-rims! He's every shlub, every dork, every wide-assed fat guy loser who strikes out with women!

Wow! And the Nielsen ratings continue to soar for the show?

Yeah! But the hunk poster is not doing that well!

DROOP

Make way, trauma victim!

Who the heck is that?

The show's makeup man! He's been touching up Meany's face for three seasons! It finally caught up with him!

LENNY AND SQUIGGY FAN CLUB

WHOSE SLIME IS IT ANYWAY

So, guys — what do you want to do tonight?

Let's watch *Dumb and Dumber* and then laugh so hard we spit beer through our noses!

Let's go to Lake Erie and taunt flounder!

Geez, I'm here with a Cleveland "Think Tank"!

It's amazing! In all these years not one of you has ever seriously hit on me!

You're not our type! If you were inflatable we'd be all over you!

LOOMIS

MILL VANILLA + WAFERS

Guys, bad news! Our little illegal home brewery is in the red!

Loomis, last fiscal year we shipped four!

Four bottles! Mr. Weezer bought a six-pack and returned two!

Can't be! You gotta be pulling my chain! Buzzy beer rules!

Four thousand cases isn't bad!

VAT 69

LAKE ERIE'S FINEST

It couldn't be the taste! We've made improvements! This new batch is primo stuff!

Yeccch! This tastes like yak sweat!

See! What'd I tell ya! We HAVE improved the taste!

Good morning, chaps! Are we ready to start the day?

I'm ready! Someone freshen Meany's makeup! I think she's down a quart!

Don't start with me, pig! Or I'll tell everyone about your web page!

I don't have a web page!

I created one for you. *www.fatassed.beerbelly.com!*

Let's all calm down! Meany, maybe you need a vacation!

Yes! We'll tag her, set her free, and track her in the wild!

Times

That's it, geek! I'm claiming sexual harassment!

Before you do that you have to have a sex for me to harass!

Very funny, Mr. Shrinky Dink!

Bozo face!

Poopy pants!

My, my, we're not exactly PBS, are we?

Mr. Wicket! What's a distingulshed, British gentleman like you doing in Cleveland?

It's all that was available in my job category!

Oh, all the department store manager jobs were taken?

No! The stuffy English part on *The Nanny* was taken!

Mr. Wicket, I need a raise!

You can't have one!

If I don't get one, I'm quitting!

Droop, you're really quitting? What are you gonna do?

I got a great offer from a famous restaurant chain! They said it was something "very high up"!

BOB'S BIG BOY HAMBURGERS

Hey, Mr. Wickett, it's me! I'm back!

Droop, what happened? Why have you returned?

I was, uh... stuck at the top! I had no where to go!

You mean your butt had no where to go because they don't make checkered overalls in a super husky size!

Somebody booby-trapped my desk! There are explosive devices in my pencil tray!

My, my...who could be *that* cruel and insensitive? *Heh Heh Heh!*

Let me guess: It's you, hostile heifer!

That stuff's going to explode and make one humongous mess!

Sounds like it's got the same ingredients as your makeup!

You think I'm the pits, don't you? You think I can't get dates? You think no men are interested in me?

Nonsense, Meany! I know two men who are thrilled with you!

Who are they?

Ben and Jerry!

Ben and Jerry? Is that the best you can do, jackass?

Okay, how about... hmmm.. Barnum and Bailey!?

YASSER, THAT'S MY BABY

I can hurt you, pig! I've hurt many men in my life!

Let me guess! You were on top!

That'll cost you big time!

K-BOOM!

It's over! My life's a zero! I'm a dorky, overweight fat guy in Cleveland with an Eisenhower haircut and a face that stopped in 1955! I'm going nowhere! I'm in a third rate job and I've got an overweight woman who can damage me! My life sucks! I'm going to end it all! I'm going to wolf down these Snickers and wait for my arteries to clog!

Don't do it, pal!

Yeah! It's not worth it!

Relax! Have a brew!

Wow, it's the ghosts of heavyset sitcom guys past!

We were in the same boat as you, pal! Unattractive, wide-assed, working-class sitcom guys! Have a brew!

Hey, man! I had personal struggles too! I had a large lady that was bugging me! But I worked it out!

It's attitude, pal! You gotta realize...How sweet it is!

Man, you just gotta pull it together! Find your thing! Find the one thing in life you love...and go for it!

That settles it! Gotta Dance! Gotta Strut!

Cheers

Yikes! What is this, some sort of an earth-quake?

No! It's the weekly sponta-neous dance produc-tion number!

Odd! The cast has been "rehearsing" this "spontaneous" dance number for the past two months!

Wow! I love it! Isn't this incred-ible tele-vision!

It's just what America wants to see! Fat people shaking their booty!

This could be the worst TV musical piece since that disaster a few years back...*Cop Rock!*

At least in *Cop Rock* the dancers weren't sucked into each other's gravitational pull!

What a unique "concept"! Droop is doing the "Time Warp" from Rocky Horror and Meany is Priscilla, Queen of the Desert!

Look! And there's a third dance team! wearing costumes from the show *ER!*

Actually, that's a real emergency team — just in case Droop and Meany collide!

GREAT SCOTT!

A TOAST!

EMS

Viewers voted this the second most popular moment of the show!

What's the most popular moment?

When they finally stop!

I just love to shake my groove thing!

Just keep it up, babe! This number is likely to win us an award!

An Emmy?

More likely "Best Sow & Boar" at the Ohio State Fair and Livestock Show!

Whew! I sure am one hot mama!

We're running long! Meany, stop dancing and break into a melody!

Why?

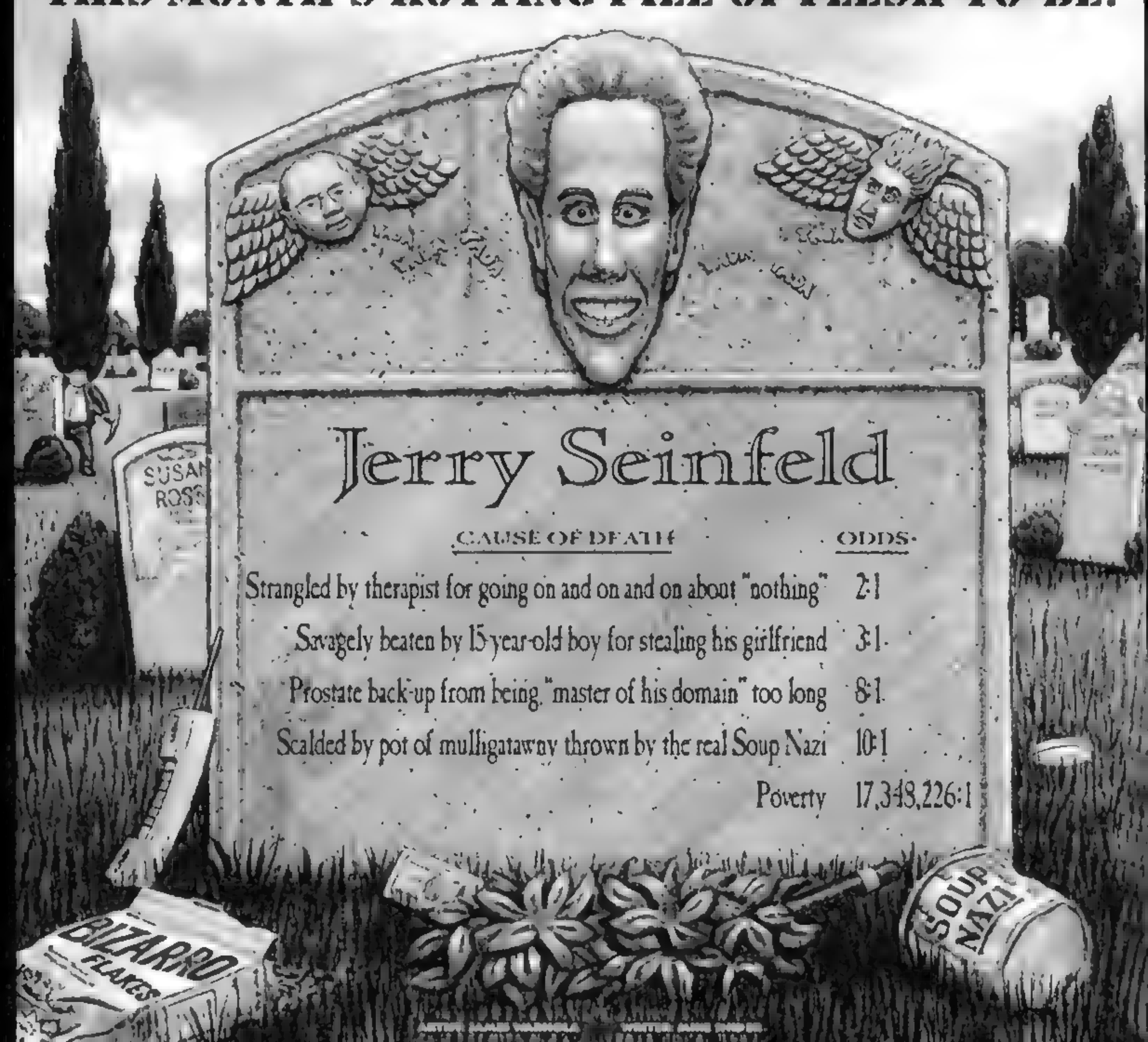
Because everyone knows the show ain't over till the fat lady sings!

GRIEVING LAS VEGAS DEPT.

MAD'S CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest stars is going to settle down for a tasty bowl of death soup!

THIS MONTH'S ROTTING PILE OF FLESH-TO-BE:


Jerry Seinfeld
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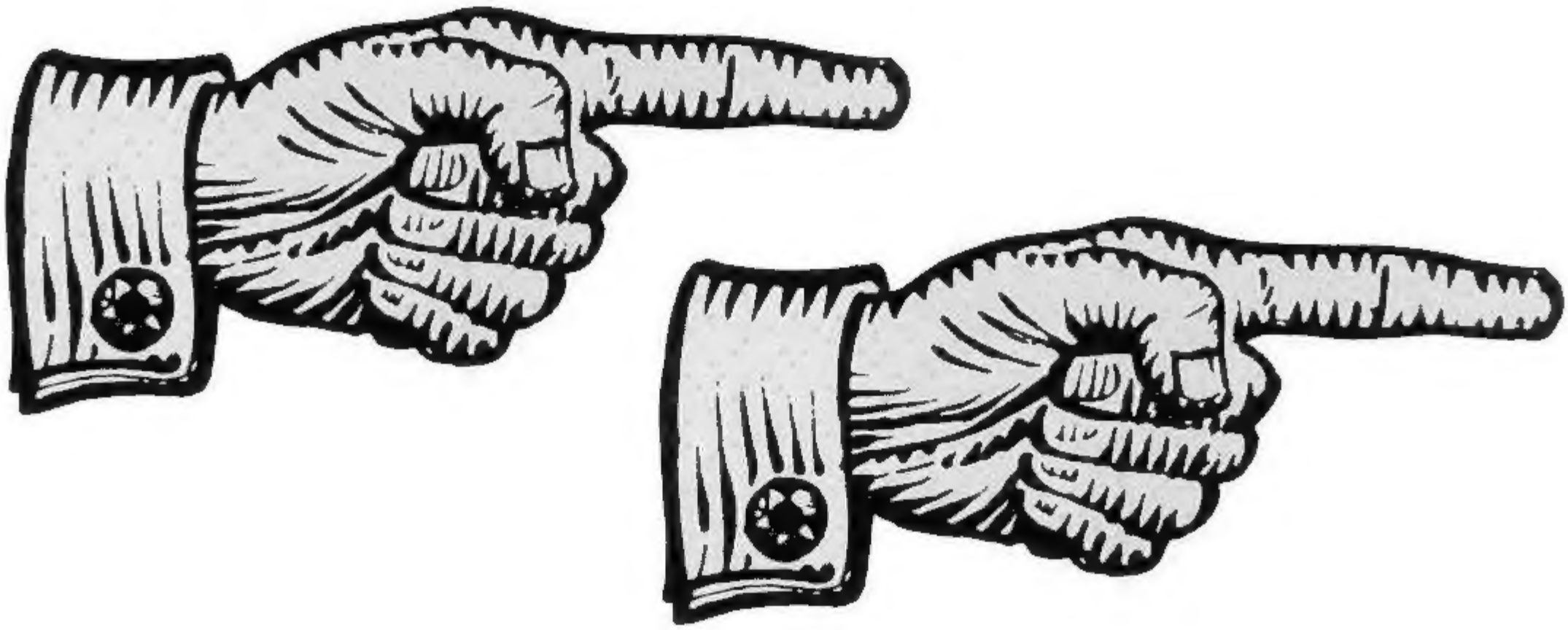

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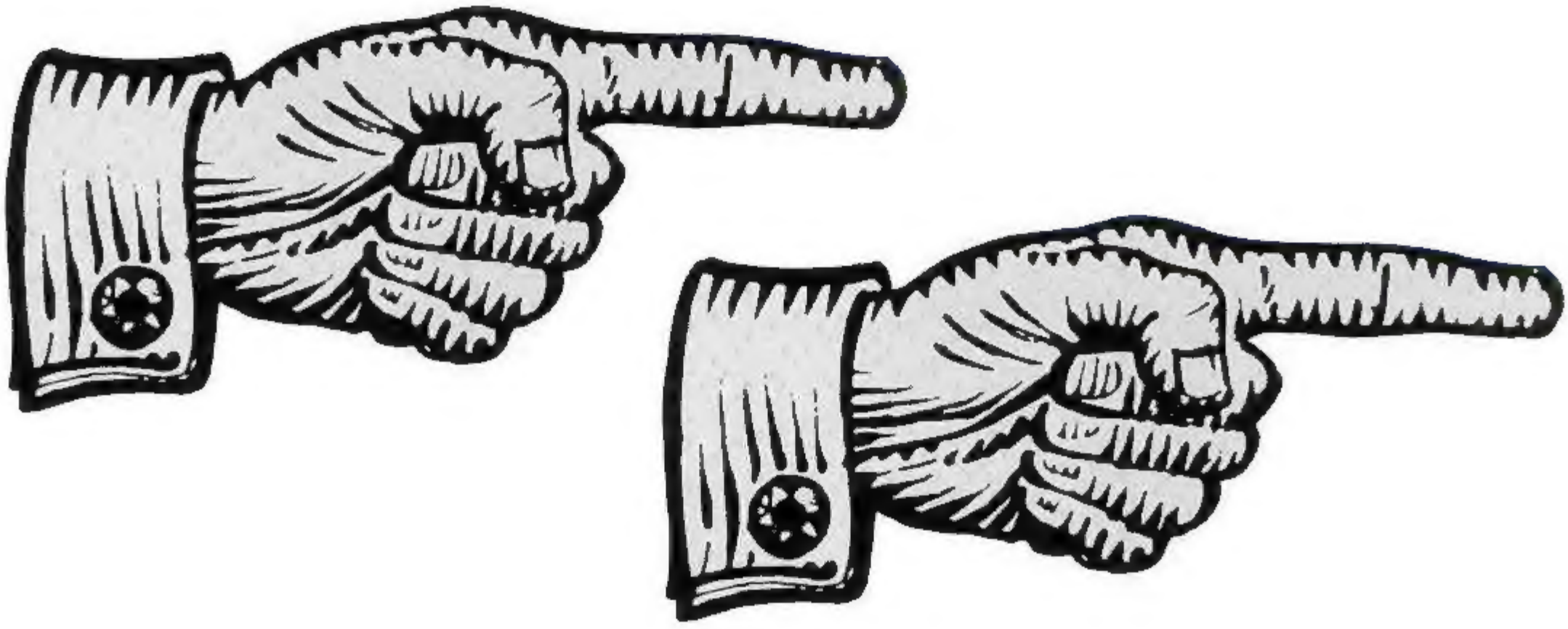

WHAT BELOVED FOUR LEGGED CREATURE WON'T BE AROUND TO LIGHT UP KIDS' LIVES THIS CHRISTMAS?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

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